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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Policing the DNC... A Success!

Proof Again That Flexible Scheduling Works

by Ted Hunt

Congratulations to all LAPD officers on the job done policing the DNC.

Policing of the Democratic National Convention was the most closely watched aspect of the four day visit of the Democrats to L.A. There was little political intrigue because all of the major decisions had already been made.

The only event where the outcome was not certain, had not been decided

and was well orchestrated, was the policing of the DNC. The news media and the world wondered if LAPD was up to the task.

With the approximately 15,000 news personnel converging on and covering the event, the slightest LAPD wrong would have been poked, prodded and expanded into a hyper-story.

Compounding the delicate nature of policing the DNC, which was examined under the leery eye of the media and the

fluorescent "green hats" of the ACLU monitors, were the threats by radicals and extremists who promised to engage LAPD officers and provoke confrontations.

Every LAPD officer, along with our colleagues from the Sheriff's Department, the California Highway Patrol and all of the federal law enforcement agencies, are to be congratulated for the extremely fine job of policing the DNC. Great job.

Not long after the first deployment of uniformed officers, the on-duty League Director was called and advised that many officers were left for entire shifts at fixed posts without food or water. So your League Directors loaded up a couple of trucks with water and soda and made the rounds each day, trying to reach every officer working in the streets.

Flexible Scheduling Proven Again to Work Well

We were greatly pleased to see once again how well flexible scheduling works.

Officers worked extended and flexible hours which allowed for maximum deployment at the optimal times. Just think of it, flexible scheduling worked so well until 1997 and saved millions of dollars, and now in the year 2000, flexible scheduling worked well again and saved the day at the DNC.

In the Mayoral Debate held recently by the League and featuring the five major candidates, each of the hopefuls recognized flexible scheduling as a major benefit for both the City and the officers.

Our Goals remain; Flexible Scheduling; Discipline Reform (changing the 1.28 to be reasonable) and Pension Reform.

Congratulations to all

The Protective League's Board of Directors takes great pride in congratulating all members for the fantastic job you all did during the D.N.C. deployment. The thousands of officers assigned to fixed posts at Staples and the Convention Center, hotels, police stations and other locations. The thousands of officers deployed to the many MFF operations and the officers in the air units, on motors, on bicycles, on horseback and the undercover personnel. Officers assigned to the many command posts and other D.N.C.-related operations. Uniform and Detective personnel who handled the "routine" duties at the divisions. Detectives and Officers who processed the hundreds of arrests associated with D.N.C. protests.

In spite of 12-plus-hour shifts with 100° humid temperatures and tense standoffs with thousands of protesters and "anarchists," you all stood tall and answered the call to protect and serve the people of Los Angeles. Whatever your assignment or participation during the past week, you all performed above and beyond the call of duty. Your dedication, pride and commitment to your profession make us all proud to be your elected League representatives.

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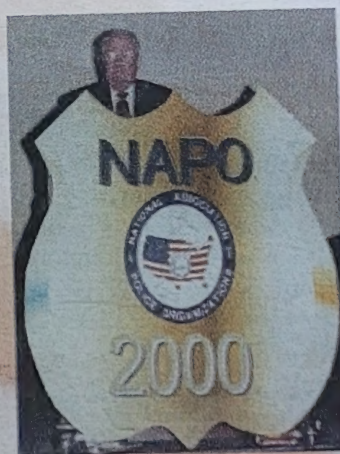
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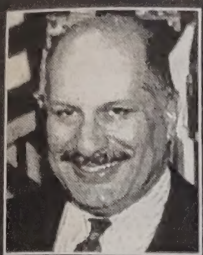
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League Elections

Three League Directors are up for election this year: President Ted Hunt; and Directors Don Lint and Rick Wells. With only nine Directors to service over 9,000 League members, it is important that you elect Directors who will deliver services to you and your fellow officers.

It is important that you carefully read the campaign materials and ballot statements of those running for election. Don't fall for empty promises. Check to determine who is the person to represent you and your interests. Those elected this year will be the ones who will be negotiating your next contract and working to improve your working conditions and benefits.

Do yourself and your fellow officers a favor by voting. Your vote is important and sends a strong message to your Board of Directors, City leaders and Department managers. Each of your votes truly counts.

City Hall Activities

Police discipline was modified in the new Charter, which took effect on July

1, 2000. No sooner was the new Charter in place when the Department began pushing to change it. (It took two years and millions of dollars to reform the old Charter.) Charter Section 1070, which replaces Section 202 of the previous Charter, governs Charter-protected police discipline. Your League fought a continuous battle with the Department to bring fairness to the disciplinary system. The Department was fighting to change Section 1070 and put it on the ballot in November prior to the completion of the many review panels examining the Department's disciplinary process. We are pleased to report that we prevailed with the assistance of the City Council and Mr. Ron Deaton, the City's Legislative Analyst, to postpone the changes until the April 2001 elections.

We will be negotiating to bring about fair and effective 1070 changes in the next few months. My personal appreciation to those Directors who joined me at City Hall in lobbying and educating our City Council members on the Department's current disciplinary system.

All but two Councilmembers supported us in the final vote to postpone the Charter changes until April 2001. Even Rita Walters voted with us on this one! Thank you Rita.....

Next Mayor of Los Angeles

The latest Mayoral poll contains some interesting information. Councilman Joel Wachs, a longtime police supporter and openly gay candidate leads the field with 20% at this time. State Controller Kathleen Connell has 18%, and is just a possible candidate. City Attorney James Hahn has 13%, while Assemblyman Antonio Villaraigosa is at 8%. Congressman Xavier Bacerra is at 5%, and millionaire and Riordan candidate, Steve Soboroff, is at a low 2%. We will be monitoring the candidates and keeping you informed of their promises. The primary election is in April 2001, which is just seven short months away.

Los Angeles Millennium Party

We all remember the less-than-exciting New Year's Eve we all experienced in Los Angeles last December 31. We were all deployed and trained to quell any and all disturbances throughout the City. We performed exceptionally well as a police agency—so well that nothing unusual happened in the City that night. Now we see just how much it cost the taxpayers for the Los Angeles Millennium flop. The City Controller, Mr. Rick Tuttle, audited the City operations and found that the City expended a total of \$6 million dollars on the five community events held around the City. The largest event drew just 5,000 people at the Van Nuys Airport. City officials estimated a total of just 18,700 spectators at all five events. That is a fraction of the four million residents of Los Angeles. Well, just

another example of just how our City wastes taxpayer money.

And You Thought You Got A Good Three-Year Economic Package

With inflation at an all-time low, reasonable salary increases are not uncommon at this time of economic prosperity. Our 4%, 7%, and 5% recently-approved contract is way ahead of the 4%, 3%, 2% salary increase granted to LASO deputies. (Note: Our 7% increase during the second year includes a 3% increase for Advanced P.O.S.T. Certificates.)

Now we see what judges recently received for salary increases. California's 1,580 judges will receive an 8% salary increase effective January 1, 2001.

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The 1,480 trial court judges will go from \$117,912 to \$133,052 for superior court judges and, from \$101,678 to \$121,504 those communities which still have municipal court judges. Not too bad for sitting on your ass in an air-conditioned courtroom and listening to suspects deny their crimes.

Date to Remember

September is back-to-school month for all the little ones. Now you moms and dads can have the rest you deserve.

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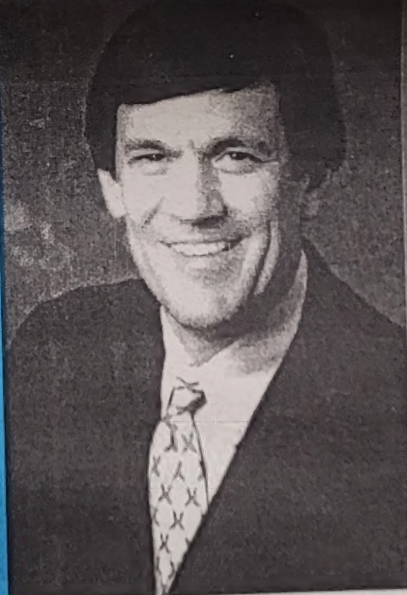
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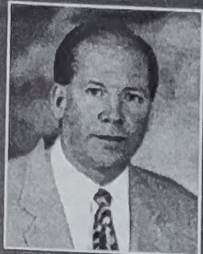
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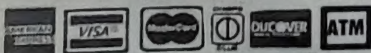
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One of the things I always tell my kids is that it isn't important how good you are or how well you do when things are going your way, but what you do when things are bad. When it seems that things just can't possibly get any worse, you are measured by your ability to pull yourself up by your bootstraps and make it work no matter what the situation is. The thing that I love about the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department is that when the chips are down, we shine, and shine you all did during the DNC. I can't even begin to describe how proud I am to be associated with all of you. You once again amid all of the controversy that has been going on for the last year showed the world that we are indeed the finest police department in the world. You showed the world that we are not to be measured by the small-minded actions of a very few. For that I would like to say thank you and a job well done!!!!

What About CWS?

Now that our contract is ratified, the most consistent question asked is "are we going to do something about getting our Department some type of compressed work schedule?" The answer is yes. We here at the League will not quit until we have some sort of flexible com-

pressed work schedule in place. Most of the officers I have spoken to wanted to have a compressed work schedule included in our contract. Because the CWS became a deal breaker in negotiations, the negotiating team decided that we should remove it from the contract, and continue working on the project once the contract was settled. Many of you were disappointed that we took this track, however, we are now in a position to attack the compressed work schedule issue aggressively.

In 1996 the Department closed out the pilot program for the compressed work schedule and completed a final report documenting the final results of the compressed work schedule program. The final report addressed issues such as cost savings, officer fatigue, deployment, morale, as well as a number of other issues. Most of the report was positive. The cost savings generated by the program were significant, officer morale was improved, sick/IOD time was down and response time remained unchanged (still good). Overall it was documented that the program was working. When the department disbanded the program, they listed such issues as the lack of flexibility in deployment, and officer coverage as the more significant problems generated by the program.

Our compressed work schedule team decided that in order to realistically achieve a compressed work schedule pro-

gram in our department we had to address all of the issues generated by the department during the pilot program as well as some of the concerns generated by some of our membership. Not all of us want to work extended shifts! In doing so we came up with the Flexible Compressed Work Schedule. The FCWS has something for everybody on our department; there are 12-hour shifts for patrol, a 4/10 for detectives and specialized units and a 9/80 for administrative positions. There are also some 5/40 schedules for you traditionalists. We know that the 4/10 already works for detectives, PM watch detectives have been working on this schedule for over 5 years.

The 12-hour shifts for patrol works. That was demonstrated by the pilot program. The two significant changes in our program for patrol address the two main concerns listed by the department. Instead of being on the platoon system, we will bid for our days off as we do now. That gives management the discretion to deploy officers as needed. We also will be working 13 shifts per D.P. rather than 12 shifts and the 8-hour discretionary deployment day. What that

does for the department is that it gives them greater officer coverage due to the fact that officers will be working four more hours per D.P. than on the 5/40. It also translates to greater cost savings to the City, because the extra four hours worked per officer per D.P. at straight time translates into hiring approximately an additional 150 officers per year. This is a good program, the department and the City know that it will work. We need to convince them how important it is not only to us, but how important it will be to the taxpayers also! In regard to the 9/80, there are a number of agencies that are currently on this plan, including the LA County Sheriffs. We will be looking to implement one of those models for the admin positions we have available throughout the Department.

I want to assure you that in no way have we given up on this program. We recognize how important it is to you, and we will continue to fight until there is some type of compressed work schedule in place. Thanks again for all your hard work.

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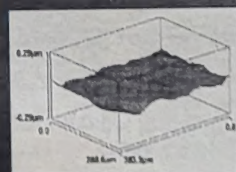
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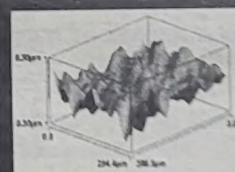
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Have you had trouble sleeping lately or maybe it's just a restless sleep? Are your thoughts constantly going back to the job? You might be like the vast majority of officers on our Department today, wondering if they will be the subject of a personnel complaint that might jeopardize their career or place their families financial well-being at risk. I know that most of you have never had to deal with this problem directly but the day is coming when we will all have to deal with these issues and it might not be too far off. Currently the Department is attempting to get a Charter change on the ballot that would give them the ability to terminate you before you had a Board of Rights. If you wanted to try and get your job back you could then pick a Board consisting of two command staff members and one civilian just the same as we currently have. The problem with this is that the Chief is questioning command staff members that currently do not terminate officers that have been directed to Boards of Rights as to what they didn't understand about this officer being directed to a Board of Rights. Certainly the officer would not be directed to a Board if he wasn't guilty and he should certainly then be fired. This is currently what is going on. So if the Chief gets his way on this issue what would be the motivation for the command staff to stick their necks out to bring back an officer that is

already fired? This was ultimately not in the proposed Charter Amendment, but it does give significant insight into the direction that the Department is moving.

Another issue involving Charter Amendment 1070 is Double Jeopardy. The Chief wants to be able to try you over and over until you are found guilty. The way that he plans on doing this is by bringing in "new and substantial evidence." The question here becomes what is "new and substantial" and who is going to decide what that is? This is the scenario for this issue: The Department Advocate puts on their case at your Board of Rights but falls short of the preponderance of evidence needed for a finding of guilt. The Department might say, that's ok because they didn't use all of the evidence that they could have, so next week you will be directed to another Board for the same charges, only this time the "new and substantial evidence" will be presented and this will go on until you are found guilty. The other scenario is that you have had your Board and were found not guilty. The complainant(s) did not want to testify or was not available to testify. Now some time has passed (maybe years) and this complainant or witness is mad at you or the police in general; you are now directed back to another Board on the same charges and forget about the complainant's motivation for wanting

to testify. The motive must be pure because remember you are the only one who has the motivation to lie.

Now this leads us right to the next issue about the statute of limitations. Currently there is a two-prong test to satisfy the statute. The first is two years from the date of occurrence and the second is one year from the date of discovery. Now if a crime is involved, then the Department currently can use the criminal statute. For example, if you were at a bar and allegedly ADW'd someone, the statute for ADW would apply and once this came to the Department's attention then the Department would have one year to charge you with the ADW for administrative purposes. Now this currently forces the Department to get moving on this case, but if the proposed changes go into effect the Department will relieve you from duty without pay until they are ready to put your Board on. You could sit at home for months or even years before you get your side heard at a Board of Rights. Remember you have not been found guilty of anything and you have not had the opportunity to be heard but you and your family will suffer tremendously should this happen to you. Look at some of these guys involved in the "Ray Perez" scandal. They are directed to Board after Board and are sitting at home without pay. They win one Board and are directed to another, they are in financial ruin and for what? They have not been found guilty of anything. This could happen to you and the chances of that are increasing every day.

The battle concerning the Charter 1070 amendment is raging at City Hall as I write this article. All of your Directors have been at City Hall talking to every City Council member about this issue and we are about to find out who our friends are in City Council. The bottom line to all of this is that this is bad for you and it is bad for the citizens that we serve. Who is going to be willing to do police work? And forget about proactive police work if these changes go through? I wonder if the Chief has thought about the effect this is going to have on this Department for years to come. I wonder if the City Council has thought of the ramifications of this if they allow this to go forward. "Police Reform" sounds good, and it could be good, but this is far and away the worst thing that could happen to us right now. The League would be more than willing to sit down and negotiate some true form of "Police Reform" but this will destroy what is left of our Department.

Top Cops NAPO—Positive

We just returned from Washington, D.C., for the NAPO Top Cop Awards and the NAPO Convention. Everyone should be very proud of the men and women who represented our Department. There are heroic deeds done every day all over this country but day after day and year after year we on the LAPD seem to have an unusually high number of heroic deeds that put us a step ahead of other agencies. Our officers give more of themselves every day for the protection of the citizens that we serve than any other law enforcement agency in the country and what is more amazing is that you continue to protect and serve in a heroic manner even under the current conditions. Thank you to all of you who have made those heroic sacrifices and been

unnoticed, we know that there are many of you out there. To those that received the Top Cop Awards congratulations, you are truly heroes.

Look Ahead—Positive

We have the chance to truly help ourselves this year. We have an election year and have one of our own Directors running for City Council. Ken Hillman is running for City Council in the San Pedro area of the City. I have been told "he doesn't represent me, I don't live in his District." We all win if Ken is elected. We will always have an advocate for our issues. When issues concerning our contract come up or CWS or Pension issues, wouldn't it be nice to know that we have a champion in our corner? This is an extremely important election for all of us and I encourage all of you to contact Ken Hillman and give a donation to his campaign. He can be contacted by e-mail at hillman4council@aol.com or call (310) 547-3492. If you can give \$5-\$10 that's great if you can give more, better. Do this for yourself and your family. Finally on this topic, don't forget to vote for the candidate that you support. Let's look ahead and see who will be at City Hall for us in the future.

Your Financial Future—Positive

In the near future we would like to put on some sort of financial seminar to help all of us use our money more wisely. It is vitally important that we make our money work for us. We work very hard for our money now it's time to get our money working for us. If you have some topics that you would like to see discussed or suggestions for this seminar please contact me with your ideas via e-mail at donlint@lappl.org.

Here are a few things to think about concerning your financial future. This was taken out of "The Millionaire Next Door."

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Congratulations—Positive

Congratulations to all of you who put forth a tremendous effort to show the world that the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department are the shining stars of the law enforcement community. You made the entire City proud of you. This is for the Chief. You put together a great event. You made your Command Staff (managers), LEADERS and the troops followed. It appeared to be two things: Leadership and Backing.

Again, great job and don't forget how good it feels to be called a Los Angeles Police Officer. The Chief could make us all feel that way for a long time. Will he?

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PENSION SYSTEM STATUS

CLIFF RUFF

Many officers don't pay attention to the operations and status of our pension system. It is absolutely the most important aspect for every LAPD officer who makes law enforcement here his or her career. If there is no money in the fund, we are all in trouble.

To give you a little history of our system and where we are today, I'll start with The Great Depression. The City, in 1933, made a decision not to fund the pension system and to apply a system known as "pay as you go." Salaries were not high in those days and it was a short-cut. Over the next 25 years a huge unfunded liability (debt) accrued. The City, in 1959, placed the pension system on an actuarial basis with a 50-year amortization period. They also permitted investments of the pension funds of up to 35% in common stocks.

In 1967, the Article 18 system was created to retain officers who came on after World War II. One of the deals made for the City to offer increased pension benefits, was to give the City a 70-year amortization period, thus allowing the City a longer amount of time to pay off the unfunded liability.

In 1978, there was an inflationary crisis in the United States and people who were retired received a 17.5% C.O.L.A pay raise. The City panicked and ended the uncapped C.O.L.A. by creating Article 35 for anyone hired after December 8, 1980. In 1981, the Pension

Department was authorized to invest up to 70% of fund assets in common stock.

The unfunded liability created in 1933 was a detriment to obtaining pension benefits and pay raises over the years. In 1990, the pension system had assets of 3.4 billion dollars, with an unfunded liability of six billion dollars. Today your pension system has 13.2 billion dollars and no unfunded liability.

Our pension system is run by General Manager Gary Mattingly and Assistant General Manager Edward Griffiths. They do an outstanding job. Tom Lopez is the Chief Investment Officer for the system, and his wisdom and recommendations to the Commissioners have been key to the system's success. The Mayor's appointees are led by Board President Gay Harwin, along with Vice President Steven Silberman, Charles Isgar, David Kim, and Lou Moret. The seven years of leadership by the Riordan appointees have resulted in terrific investment returns, accountability of money managers, and a broad spectrum of fiscal insight. These five appointees commit a great amount of personal time and sacrifices to manage your pension system and they do not receive any compensation. We all owe them a lot for their achievements.

Also deserving recognition for their contributions are our active and retired representatives on the Board of Pension Commissioners. Sgt. Fred Tredy, who just finished a five-year term;

Sgt. Thomas A. Dawson, the newly-elected active police representative Commissioner; and Ken Staggs, the newly-elected retired police representative Commissioner. On the Fire Department side is Sam Diannitto, the most veteran Commissioner who recently retired and was elected to be the retired fire representative Commissioner; and Mike Carter, the active fire Commissioner on the Pension Board. All of these Commissioners are experienced and, with continued diligence and wisdom, their investment decisions will allow your assets to grow.

Keeping the Mayor's hands off of the pension surplus is another issue. Today

your pension system is secure and fully funded. We need to continually monitor it and keep it that way.

Starting in September, Don Lint, Bob Baker, Ken Buzzell (UFLAC), and myself will start negotiations with the City to study ideas and proposals regarding a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and issues of enhanced pension benefits to achieve parity with other California public safety pension plans. All changes to our pension system require voter approval. Our goal is to qualify these issues for the April 2001 ballot.

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A MESSAGE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL

by Hank Hernandez, Attorney at Law



A Real Hero Gets a Raw Deal

On September 4, 1997, LAPD Officer Darius Lee was on duty working a patrol assignment with a new trainee out of Pacific Area when he encountered a citizen who reported sighting a previously reported stolen motorhome. All information and appearances suggested it was a "duck" (an abandoned stolen vehicle). When Officer Lee was on the right side of the motorhome near the front, the occupant who was concealed inside (Stephen Ream, a 3-striker child molester) shot Lee in the head with a rifle, felling him instantly. When Lee recov-

ered himself somewhat on the ground, he was bleeding profusely from his head wound. He reached up and felt tissue protruding from his scalp at the hairline, which he concluded was brain tissue. He thought the bullet had pierced his skull. Actually, the bullet ricocheted off his skull, tearing the flesh and leaving it drooping down. The point is that Officer Lee thought he would shortly die from a bullet in his brain. But survival took over, and he half-crawled and ran back toward his police car as Ream fired at least one or two more shots at him.

Officer Lee went to the rear of his car, and took over the radio to warn responding units not to approach from

a certain direction, as a cross-fire would develop. Meanwhile, Lee removed additional ammunition for his pistol and shotgun from the trunk and began pouring 9mm rounds into the rear tinted window of the motorhome where Ream fired more rounds at the police car and the officers.

Lee carefully assessed his rounds by pausing and, upon seeing muzzle flashes, or seeing rounds fired at him, resumed firing into the window from which Ream was shooting. He could not see Ream because of the tinting film on the window, which also precluded the window from shattering. Lee probably fired eighty seven 9mm rounds and twenty shotgun rounds into the rear of the motorhome over nearly a five-minute gun battle.

At one point, Ream turned his rifle and pointed it at two other officers who had responded to the call for help. When Lee saw this, he poured cover fire into the rear of the motorhome to stop Ream from killing the two responding officers. Lee's fire did not hit Ream, who committed suicide by shooting himself at some point.

After the shooting, a Use of Force Review Board convened and found Officer Lee "out of policy" on tactics (approach to motorhome) and "out of policy" for rounds 16 through 107. The notes of the Use of Force Board reflect many misunderstandings about the case, and plainly incorrect information, which Officer Lee tried to correct, but was told he could not speak. Lee's Commanding Officer ordered him to a Board of Rights, but Chief Parks reduced it to a 22-day suspension. With support from the League, Lee opted to appeal to a Board of Rights.

The Department's theory supporting discipline is that Lee allegedly ignored the information from a citizen that the motorhome was occupied by an armed

violent person, and approached it carelessly (not true); that Lee fired indiscriminately ("out of control"); that Lee fired "without any target acquisition"; that Lee failed to assess the effectiveness of his rounds; that Lee failed to communicate to responding officers regarding a safe approach; and other criticisms. These are all incorrect or unfounded.

We are very disturbed by the Board of Rights members' examination of Officer Lee. There was endless second-guessing (20/20 hindsight) implied in many of their questions. We call this a "shoulda, coulda, woulda" examination. They ignored the reality of an intense gun battle, and the trauma officers predictably suffer in such incidents, not to mention when they are seriously wounded in the head, blinded in one eye, and virtually going at it alone with a trainee partner.

To us and to his defense team, composed of panel attorney Mike Stone and Defense Rep John Olive, Darius Lee is the ultimate survivor, a true hero, who should have been acknowledged for his valor, his grit, and his refusal to give up and run, even when he thought he was dying. Indeed, at one point during the gun battle he fell down from dizziness, but recovered to resume fire. We believe he saved his own life, that of his partner, and possibly those of the two responding officers.

Officer Lee's defense team put on a helluva case, but is it too much to expect this tribunal to go against Chief Parks? Maybe not.

We will be reporting again after the result, but already, we are disappointed because a real hero is obviously getting a raw deal from the Department.

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WARNING BELL

by Gary Ingemunson, Attorney at Law

"Never send to know for
whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee"

—John Donne

You are sitting in a Board of Rights anxiously waiting for the testimony of former-officer Rafael Perez. You have conclusive proof that he is lying about your case. You and your attorney, Darryl Mounger, your defense representative, U.S. Taylor, and your investigator, Erik Dagley, both from the Officer Representative Section, cannot wait to illustrate this to the Board members. You have been waiting a long time for this moment.

The issue is simple. During his "confessions" about Rampart CRASH misconduct to the prosecutors in response to his plea bargain deal, Perez implicated you in falsifying an arrest report and probable cause in arresting two gang members for possession of a gun with an obliterated serial number. According to sworn testimony from Perez, he had received information from an informant he had met on the street about a gun being at a particular residence because the informant had seen it earlier that day. Forty-five minutes to an hour later, Perez said, he was at the location with several CRASH officers (including you) assisting in kicking down the door and searching the residence for a gun. He told the investigators during his statement that he saw you and two other officers removing the face plate from an air vent in the gang member's bedroom and recover a gun from this hiding place. Then, he says, you all conspired to make up a story about the probable cause and observing the gun being passed between the two suspects who were arrested out in the yard in front of the location. Perez wrote the report, but claimed you knew the arrest was false. The Department had ordered you to a Board of Rights.

You had listened to the Department Advocate's opening statement on the evidence against you. Sure Perez is an admitted liar, the Advocate stated, but how could Perez' statement to the investigators about the gun in the air vent in the bedroom match the gang member occupant of the bedroom so closely. This gang member had been interviewed by Internal Affairs investigators in prison (he was doing time on an unrelated charge) and his story about the air vent had been the same as that related earlier by Perez. Therefore, it must be true! How could the suspect make up a fact situation that completely and independently matched what Perez had said?

Indeed, how? You knew. You had been given a copy of the taped interview of the gang member in prison during the discovery process for your board. You listened to the tape and noted how the suspect denied knowing anything about a gun when he was first asked about it by the investigator. The investigator then went "off tape." When the tape resumed several minutes later, the question about the gun was asked again. The suspect now said that he had hidden the gun in an air vent in the bedroom. The story now matched Perez' statement. Thus, the Department Advocate was now able to contend in his opening statement that the story must be true because of the similarity between the two stories.

Your defense representatives were curious about the gap in the tape. Eric Dagley and Cliff Armas went to the

prison and re-interviewed the gang member. The gang member, on tape, told the defense representative that he had made the story up about putting the gun in the air vent. When the original investigators went off tape, the gang member said, he had been told that his buddies had said that this was his gun and told him where the gun had been found and sometime during the interview he had been shown photographs of the air vent by the investigators. So, he went along with the story and told them it was true. Now, he said, he was telling the real truth. There was no gun in the bedroom. He had never hidden a gun in that air vent. There was no gun in the house at all.

That's not all. While investigating your case, your defense representative did what any first week detective trainee would do. He ran a rap sheet on the suspect who Perez claimed to have received the information from about the gun. Guess what? The suspect was in custody at that time and Perez' story about meeting the informant on the street and getting the information on the gun, as Perez claimed, was *impossible*! How had this little detail escaped the comprehensive Perez scandal investigation by all these different agencies and Internal Affairs investigators? And so, you couldn't wait for your Board to begin. Your attorney was set up to ambush former-officer Perez big time.

The gang member in whose bedroom Perez claimed you found the gun takes the stand. He tells the Board how he had made up the story of the gun and had received information from the investigator when the tape had been turned off. He tells how he had been shown photographs of the air vent. He reaffirms that he had lied about the air vent and the gun based on what he had heard and seen during the interview. It turned out that none of the other gang members present had ever said that there was a gun in the air vent. Therefore, the only person left who had made that claim was Perez. Your case now depends on demonstrating to the Board that Perez was lying. The ambush is waiting.

Perez takes the stand. He is an accomplished witness. You know that in his own admissions he has confessed to sending hundreds of people to jail with perjured testimony. You wonder if you will be his next victim. The testimony starts.

Under the Advocate's guidance, Perez goes over the arrest report concerning the gang members, emphasizing the fact that most of what he wrote was a fabrication. Then, Perez testifies about the informant that he had met on that day and how the informant had been at the gang member's residence earlier in the day and had seen the gun. He testifies that he had received this information from the informant an hour or so before going to the location with the CRASH officers. He testifies that he is familiar with this informant and has used him on and off for over two years. The groundwork has been laid for Attorney Mounger's ambush.

Perez then continues his testimony about you being present when the gun is removed from the air vent and how all of the CRASH officers were aware that

Perez was going to write a false arrest report claiming that the gun had been seen in the hands of two of the gang members outside the location. The lies burn into you, but you contain yourself because you know it will be your turn to expose him on cross examination. Direct examination by the Advocate finishes. It is close to noon and the Board breaks for lunch. Cross-examination by Attorney Mounger will commence the first thing after the break.

It is after lunch and Attorney Mounger begins his cross-examination. To your shock, suddenly Perez is claiming that he may have been mistaken about getting the information from this informant. Suddenly, it could have been that he had made an error. Suddenly, he was not sure if the identity of the informant had been important to him at the time. Attorney Mounger skillfully confronts Perez with his previous statements in which no doubt was expressed as to the identity of the informant. Perez now maintains that, yes he had said that, but he could have been wrong.

"Now, during the lunch break," Attorney Mounger asks, "did somebody tell you that the defense had acquired some information that this particular informant was in custody at the time and could not have met with you?"

"That's correct," Perez replies.

"Somebody told you at the lunch break?" Mounger repeats.

"Yes, sir," Perez confirms.

And so, it was later determined, that a member of higher rank had ordered the Advocate to advise Perez that the informant had been in custody and his story about getting the information about the gun from the informant was impossible. Attorney Mounger demanded that a personnel complaint be filed for this action, but, after conferring with upper management, the Board determined that this was a "procedural" thing.

The damage repair was completed when the Internal Affairs investigator who had interviewed the gang member who was in the bedroom testified that he often turns his tape off and talks off the record with persons he interviews and there is nothing wrong with that. He disputed what the gang member had testified to in regard to what conversation occurred off the tape.

Of course, there is the little matter of the "Internal Affairs Division Loane Manual" where it states:

"All interviews and conversations pertaining to personnel complaint investigations which are conducted by Internal Affairs Division personnel are tape recorded for future reference. It is imperative that the activities conducted by the Division be beyond reproach and that the integrity of the Department's disciplinary process not be jeopardized by misinterpretation of procedures utilized by personnel complaint investigators."

Not to mention the Department's publication "Personnel Investigations: A Guide for Supervisors," which states:

"All interviews should be tape recorded in their entirety... Off-tape discussion should be avoided as much as possible."

There are warning bells in the above story. It is not in the Department's best interest for former-officer Perez to be impeached. They have bought into his story and flushed too many police officers' careers down the toilet to be confronted with the fact that maybe they were wrong. You need to be careful. You need to assert every right that you have. This is not a level playing field and justice is not necessarily going to triumph. The political forces acting on the Perez' scandal, both inside and outside the Department, are extremely powerful and, in many minds, you are expendable.

These forces act in many ways. Immediate downgrades, sometimes even prior to the officer's Skelly response. "Brady" letters restricting officers from field duty even before a Board of Rights. Slanted investigations. Hidden evidence. Draconian penalties for minor offenses, both real and imagined. Removal from promotion lists for acts committed and paid for years before.

The real irony is that at the heart of the Perez' scandal is the evil of someone in a position of power violating the rights of others with impunity. Maybe it is time for some LAPD managers to look in the mirror and see if the reflection staring back at them resembles the ghost of Rafael Perez.

A time may come when the officers that have been railroaded in the name of "police reform" will have their turn in court. Maybe some LAPD managers will be given lessons in whcontat it feels like to be a defendant.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters To The Editor is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Letters must be limited to 350 words or less. Letters over the limit will be returned for editing by the writer. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

Dear Editor:

I was pleasantly surprised to see the photos of Marion D. Hoover, your "mystery cop," in the August issue. He and my husband were partners when they went on the job in the 1940s, and later as motorcycle cops.

Marion was a legend, and there must be many out there who remember his colorful career on the department.

He and his wife, Ruth, contributed two more members to the Los Angeles Police Department: their daughter, Jeannie, and son, Greg.

He is remembered as a tough cop, but he was also thoughtful, generous and caring.

Cleo Geon
Widow of Sgt. Dick Geon
Mother of retired officer Steve Geon

Dear Mr. Hunt:

As a retired Captain and as the League's opposite number while the Employee Relations Administrator, I have watched with interest in and admiration for the leadership you have been providing as President of the League during this very difficult time.

Certainly there must be a great many issues confronting you as a labor leader, and no doubt there is ample room for reasonable minds to disagree over what represents the best position to take or path to follow as you chart the way for your organization and membership. But I do not believe that

anyone would question the wisdom of your calm and measured tone of common sense and reason.

You obviously have the situation well in hand. Probably the last thing you need is some retiree offering a helping hand, let alone the retired Employee Relations Administrator no doubt still regarded by some as the League's nemesis. However, please be assured that if there is some way in which I might be of assistance, you have only to ask.

But, again, my purpose in writing is to extend my compliments on a job being done well, and to offer best wishes for you and your members through and beyond this difficult and painful passage.

Very truly yours,
Mayer & Coble
Paul R. Coble
Attorney at Law

Dear Editor:

It was refreshing to read Bob Barker's article ("The Decline of LAPD!," July Blue Line) in which he recognizes that, "Recruiting decisions were prioritized with diversity and gender goals."

When I signed on in 1960, the exams and background investigation were tough and designed to select the most qualified. LAPD was all blue and in its golden era under Chief William H. Parker. Mayor Tom Bradley ushered in "affirmative action," code words for

favoritism and discrimination. Good officers were still being hired, but it was in spite of, rather than as a result of, vastly lowered standards.

Chief Daryl Gates comments in the same Blue Line, that LAPD uncovered the "Rampart scandal" and has traditionally policed itself into a worldwide reputation for honesty and integrity. Despite the stress of your job and pressures from within, you are members of an organization which is truly unique in its professionalism and approach to policing. Other West Coast departments share this, largely (I suspect) as a result of LAPD influence. But this is an alien concept to much of the rest of the U.S. and the world.

I wanted to get away from the Big City after 25 years with LAPD so decided to troubleshoot small departments with problems. I became chief of several Alaska departments which were 40 years behind in procedures, but employed good and honest officers for the most part. I retired, again, after service on Kodiak Island, the Aleutian Chain, the Pribilof Islands, and Prince William Sound.

I was approached to be City Marshal of Tombstone, Arizona, by a reform mayor concerned about \$13 million in lawsuits generated by deputies for civil rights violations, excessive force, and various acts of misconduct.

I found large amounts of narcotics missing from the evidence room, false reports, and other irregularities. Information shared with other departments got to the bad guys. I also became convinced most of the county's economy is fueled by the drug trade. The public is apathetic about corrupt city officials, but generally supportive of citation procedures which exempt them and target outsiders. The Marshal's Office profiles passing Mexicans and seizes hundreds of their cars for auction, without citations or hearings, generating thousands of dollars a month. This we changed and became a department where good deeds and service were valued, and the rules were equally applied but tempered with good judgment and common sense.

The reform mayor was not reelected and I was not reappointed. Shortly after I left, the competent, experienced, and honest deputies I hired were quietly dismissed.

I found, from half-a-dozen other retired LAPD officers who served in Arizona that my experiences were not unique. The point of all this is that other police agencies do not share our views on professionalism, fair play, and community service. They see their jobs as money makers and positions of influence with local politicians. Their badges are tarnished with the green glint of corruption. (LAPD was like this, once.)

Enjoy your years with the Department and the partners who become closer than family. They will haunt your memories into retirement. It ends all too soon, as you will discover . . .

Fraternally,
Max K. Hurlbut, #10603

Dear Editor:

I retired two years ago and went back to college to complete my undergraduate work towards a B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in history. One of the history courses I took studied the various dictatorships that existed in the early to mid-twentieth century. In my studies, I could not help but see the similarities between these dictatorships and the current administration on the LAPD. My thoughts culminated in an article which was printed in the Blue Line about a year-and-a-half ago. In this article I predicted that Chief Bernard C. Parks would become the most hated and most feared Chief in LAPD history.

It is my understanding that Chief Parks has fired more officers in his three years as Chief than any other Chief in LAPD history including the 16-year administration of William H. Parker, himself a noted stern disciplinarian. Sadly, I believe that the Department would be in much better shape today if Willie L. Williams would have been given another five-year term. He was a supporter of and would have implemented the Compressed Work Schedule (CWS) and you would not have the draconian disciplinary system (1.28) that you have today.

To those officers unfortunate not to get jobs with other agencies, my words of encouragement are to hang in there. The League, under its current leadership, has done an outstanding job to date. We saw a settlement of the FLSA lawsuit, monies I thought I would never see. You have a great contract making LAPD officers the highest paid in the state. I personally know all but one of the nine directors of the League. They are people I know who will diligently pursue the other issues the rank-and-file have (CWS, better pension, etc.) and I am confident that they will prevail.

Very truly yours,
William A. Scheideker, #17576
Retired LAPD Sergeant

Dear Editor:

Right now as I type this message (Sunday, 2355 hours), Newton's AM Watch personnel are hitting the mean streets of South Central to protect and serve. The problem is that there will only be eight officers out there tonight. That's right, ONLY FOUR OUT OF EIGHT BASIC CARS were able to be deployed tonight due to lack of personnel. Since last year, Newton lost about 43 officers off its deployment.

THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. Officer safety is getting thrown by the wayside, due to depletion of resources to other "more important" tasks.

Another thing that should come to the surface is the fact that Newton OSD has a couple of P-2s working Homicide and CAPS, which should be P-3 Detective Trainee positions. Aren't those positions supposed to be advertised?

Thanks for letting me vent a little. Take care and keep up the good work.

Name withheld

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ASSIGNED TO: Devonshire
BORN: August 6, 1948
APPOINTED: December 28, 1970
RETIRED: November 20, 1986
DIED: June 7, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: Alphonse A. Begue #4496
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: Van Nuys
BORN: June 9, 1920
APPOINTED: April 7, 1947
RETIRED: August 24, 1967
DIED: June 17, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: Earl Langille #3151
RANK: Policeman
ASSIGNED TO: 77th
BORN: September 23, 1910
APPOINTED: October 18, 1943
RETIRED: November 30, 1963
DIED: June 27, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: William F. Dacey #5599
RANK: Sergeant I
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: December 3, 1919
APPOINTED: May 27, 1948
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: July 14, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: William Wheelwright #3655
RANK: Sergeant
ASSIGNED TO: Wilshire
BORN: June 27, 1919
APPOINTED: September 23, 1946
RETIRED: September 27, 1965
DIED: July 22, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: Clifford D. White #7974
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Northeast
BORN: August 31, 1927
APPOINTED: October 29, 1957
RETIRED: July 5, 1979
DIED: July 30, 2000
★ ★ ★

NAME: Robert M. Burkland #3882
RANK: Investigator II
ASSIGNED TO: Detective Headquarters
BORN: January 4, 1918
APPOINTED: October 6, 1946
RETIRED: June 30, 1978
DIED: July 31, 2000
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Is it Time to Revisit the Moratorium on the Use of Upper Body Control Holds by Members of the Los Angeles Police Department?

by Joseph E. White, Jr., D.P.A.

It appears that the City of Los Angeles is well on its way to entering into another ill-advised consent decree with the federal government based on the perceived practices of the Los Angeles Police Department. It may be time to inquire about the policy that places the city in this position; namely, the Los Angeles Police Commission moratorium on the use of upper body control holds by members of the Los Angeles Police Department.

How was the moratorium formulated? In a highly emotional and political climate.

Was there an increase in the rate of injuries to persons arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department? Yes, astronomical!

Was there an effect on the City Treasurer? Yes, ruinous!

Was there an impact on the City of Los Angeles? Yes, catastrophic!

The moratorium restricting the use of upper body control holds by members of the Los Angeles Police Department to deadly force situations was implemented on May 12, 1982, following an emotional and tumultuous public hearing held by the Los Angeles Police Commission. The hearing took place after sixteen deaths were attributed to the holds' application during the preceding seven-year period. The Police Commission's new "officially" approved tactic to subdue a resisting or

violent arrestee was to overpower the person with a side-handled metal police baton, aka the PR-24.

Research has shown that injuries to persons arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department rose from a weekly average of 3.1 persons injured before the Los Angeles Police Commission moratorium to 23.6 afterwards, an increase of 661%. There was no accompanying rise in violent crime or total crime rates. This information was brought to the attention of the Los Angeles City Council on January 5, 1984 by, the then Police Chief, Daryl Gates. His request to have the moratorium modified was refused.

In the two years preceding 1982 there were a total of 1,397 civil claims filed against the Los Angeles Police Department. An estimated 70 to 75% were for use of force by officers. In the two years following 1982 there 1,897 civil claims filed against the Los Angeles Police Department, a 36% rise in claims. Moreover, there was a 412% increase in the average amount of settlements and awards in adverse decisions against the Department. The average amount rose from a two-year average of \$967 per claim before the implementation of the moratorium on upper body control holds to an average of \$4,955 per claim the year afterward. From 1983-1996 a total of 11,024 civil claims were filed against the Los Angeles Police Department with settlements and awards amounting to \$112,797,150 for an average of \$10,232 per claim!

Suffice it to say, without going into morbid detail, that the videotaped tactics used in the infamous Rodney King incident led to the most costly riot in terms of lives lost and property damaged during this century in the United States. Could this have been averted? Are there alternatives to the so-called

deadly "chokeholds" and striking people with metal pipes? Fortunately, the answer is yes.

A rather benign restraining hold called the Lateral Vascular Neck Restraint (LVNR) has been used by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and other police departments, since 1970 and there have been no reported serious injuries or deaths attributed to its application. Indeed, the LVNR, which is similar to the upper body carotid control hold, has been applied in hundreds of thousands of reported instances with no long-term ill effects. Just as important, there has been absolutely no adverse civil litigation involving the LVNR. The LVNR was originated by James Lindell when he was a physical tactics instructor for the Kansas City, Missouri P.D. There is no indication that Mr. Lindell or the National Law Enforcement Training Center, which has a proprietary copyright to the LVNR, have ever been contacted regarding use of and training in the LVNR by the Los Angeles Police Department.

In a survey conducted in July, 1999, of 43 police agencies in Los Angeles County, 40 departments reported having had no deaths attributed to the use of the carotid control hold. Seven agencies said they use the LVNR, and none of the agencies surveyed had the same negative outcomes as did the Los Angeles Police Department. A previous 1987 study by Dr. E. Karl Koiwai, former president of the United States Judo Federation, shows that the sport of judo uses a similar hold called "shime-waza" and there has never been a death attributed to its use anywhere in the world. This is based on records maintained since the sport originated in Tokyo, Japan, in 1882. It appears fair to conclude that the problem with the Los

Angeles Police Department's use of the carotid control hold was more a training issue than a policy issue.

Why wait until the Los Angeles Police Department becomes embroiled in another consent decree? It is time to back away from "billy-club" confrontations and to stop the fiscal raids on the City Treasury. The Los Angeles Police Department should revisit the moratorium on upper body control holds and investigate the viability of the LVNR now.

(Dr. White is a veteran of 43 years in law enforcement having served his first 26 years with the Los Angeles Police Department. He is presently a captain with the University of Southern California's Department of Public Safety. Dr. White's research focus is in the field of public policy formulation.)

Dr. White may be reached at (323) 442-1204 (daytime phone) or by mail at: USC Department of Public Safety, 3667 S. McClintock Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90089-1912.)

Dear Editor:

The appointment to Deputy Chief of Margaret York, affectionately called Peggy, is a vision come true for the women of the Los Angeles Police Department. It's a climax of almost 90 years of history since Alice Stebbin Wells carried the first badge awarded to a woman. I am unabashed in how proud I feel and I wish her continued success in her new assignment.

Peggy's 32 years of service on LAPD has been with dignity, intelligence, quiet performance. It is remarkable when we realize her accomplishment has been achieved during those years of her rise through the ranks at a time when the

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most turbulent challenges of the department's history unfolded, and especially for women.

Something good is happening on the Los Angeles Police Department with the positive pursuits that are surfacing within the police family. York's promotion signals that change can be made for the good of the city when such a person has proven her loyalty, honesty, and high integrity through an outstanding career rating. She sets the role model for all members of the police family in mastering networking and mentoring to steer her path toward her goal.

In October, the second annual Women's Issues Conference will be held. The conference deals with helping each officer to understand what is available to help with career building. Deputy Chief Peggy York now qualifies to open more vistas for each person on LAPD. Here is a door of opportunity that has recently opened for those of you willing to step through and build on your own potential.

And then there is the inner department invitational questionnaire from the Police Commission, giving each of you an opportunity to be heard. What are your positive solutions to help rebuild and take the Los Angeles Police to greater heights? It is always to be remembered, success or failure starts with each of us when we understand we are responsible to ourselves. It's difficult to cut to the core and identify problems before we can find consensus

to correct and change. The Protective League is to be commended for supporting Women's Issue Conference and I presume, backing the Police Commission Questionnaire. Right at the moment, I'm finding the promotion of York, the Women's Conference, and attitude of the Protective League highly encouraging.

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Daily News

Dear Editor:

Your editorial ("Conduct Unbecoming," July 13) attacked the hard-working, brave, and dedicated men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department. The constant bashing of LAPD has made the citizens of the City of Los Angeles a national curiosity.

Crime is down overall, everywhere in the nation. But not here in Los Angeles. The Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) has a singular mission: To fight for our members and to make sure that the citizens of Los Angeles receive the best police service possible for their hard-earned tax dollars.

We are not responsible for running the Department. That role lies solely with the Chief of Police and his designees. We are not responsible for poor deployment nor rising crime. Those faults lie with those in command of LAPD.

Those facts do not stop LAPPL from looking at potential mayoral candidates in next year's election. We seek to support the one candidate who will protect the citizens; the candidate who will

bring true reform to LAPD; the candidate who will make sure there are funds to make reforms work; and the candidate who will restore community policing, including the Senior Lead Officers.

We invite you to spend a night with one of us on patrol in the streets of this great city. We invite you to understand what it feels like when you are attacked for the misdeeds of others. We invite you to experience what it is like to have your children ask you, "What did you do wrong?"

Please put the responsibility for mismanagement where it belongs, with the people who manage LAPD. Ask them the hard questions. Attack them, not the great men and women who patrol your streets or follow up on criminal investigations.

Violent crime is on the rise in Los Angeles. Tenured officers are leaving for other agencies. This lack of officers has caused divisions all over the Valley to eliminate patrol cars on the beat. Response times are increasing because there are fewer officers on the street. Officers are afraid to do their job because their actions are being second guessed.

LAPD is in serious trouble. Don't criticize the rank-and-file officers for trying to help. We are trying to find the best leader for this city, so that we can deliver better police services to you.

Very truly yours,
Board of Directors
Los Angeles Police Protective League
Ted Hunt, President

Subject: "Mystery Cop Photo,"
Thin Blue Line, August, 2000

The mystery cop in the above subject photo is Marion D. Hoover, retired

LAPD. He retired from Central Division several years ago, then died a few years later.

Hoover had two kids on the job, a son and a daughter. The girl got married and I cannot remember her new name.

Hoover was one of the best policemen I ever worked with. I was a rookie at Newton Street and I broke in with a couple of good officers—Cremmins and Mecklenberg—but eventually got assigned with him on P.M. Patrol. We did about eight months together then I went to A.I.D., and he later went to Hollenbeck and Central.

On three or four occasions, we got called into the station to face off a complainant, usually someone who claimed two "Mississippi police had brutalized them." Both of us had a drawl when we talked. Hoover came from Colorado and I came from Texas. So we ended up being the usual suspects. However, we never got beefed. That was Newton Street before Spanish became the new wave language.

Hoover didn't have to "brutalize anyone!" He was a good cop, who could talk to anyone—street people, the "Reverend Daddy Grace," Senator Adam Clayton Powell, etc. For a while he was Mayor Poulson's driver. I have a strong suspicion he ran the city during that tenure (kidding). He was tough and we didn't lose any fights and no one ran off from us. He also sent a few A.H.'s to the happy hunting grounds; they had it coming.

I miss him. He died too soon, and I am extremely proud that someone over at the Blue Line ran his picture.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
M. R. Ward, Jr. (Lt., LAPD, Ret.)



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Gun Legislation

H.R. 218/Support Randy Cunningham (R-CA) "Community Protection Act of 2000" (introduced 1/6/99)	To amend Title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.	2/25/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. 7/1/99: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 7/1/99: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
H.R. 1461/Support James Rogan (R-CA) "National Assistance for Police Officer Safety Act of 1999" (introduced 4/15/99)	To amend Title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms.	4/15/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 4/26/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
H.R. 492 Monitoring Cliff Stearns (R-FL) No short title available (introduced 2/2/99)	To amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide a national standard in accordance with which nonresidents of a state may carry certain concealed firearms in the state, and to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.	2/2/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 2/25/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
S. 727 Monitoring Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) "Law Enforcement Protection Act of 1999" (introduced 3/25/99)	A bill to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed firearms and to allow states to enter into compacts to recognize other states' concealed weapons permits.	3/25/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Collective Bargaining

H.R. 1093/Support Dale Kildee (D-MI) "Public Safety Employer Employee Cooperation Act of 1999" (introduced 3/11/99)	To provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by states or their political subdivisions.	4/9/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. 5/9/2000: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
S. 1016 Monitoring Mike DeWine (R-OH) "Public Safety Employer-Employee Cooperation Act of 1999" (introduced 5/12/99)	A bill to provide collective bargaining for rights for public safety officers employed by states or their political subdivisions.	5/12/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on HELP.

Bill of Rights

Bill of Rights H.R. 3896/Support Jim Ramstad (R-MN) "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2000" (introduced 3/9/2000)	To amend Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require states to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.	3/9/2000: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
S. 2256/Support Joseph Biden (D-DE) "State and Local Law Enforcement Discipline, Accountability, and Due Process Act of 2000" (introduced 3/21/2000)	A bill to amend Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide standards and procedures to guide both state and local law enforcement agencies and law enforcement officers during internal investigations, interrogation of law enforcement officers, and administrative disciplinary hearings, to ensure accountability of law enforcement officers, to guarantee the due process rights of law enforcement officers, and to require states to enact law enforcement discipline, accountability, and due process laws.	3/21/2000: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

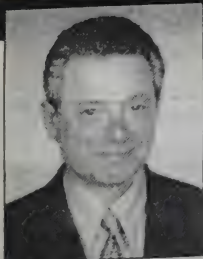
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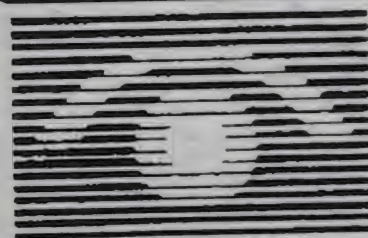
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COPS Program

S. 1760/Support Joseph Biden (D-DE) "PROTECTION Act" (introduced 10/21/99)	A bill to provide reliable officers, technology, education, community prosecutors, and training in our neighborhoods.	10/21/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
H.R. 3144/Support Anthony Weiner (D-NY) "PROTECTION Act" (introduced 10/25/99)	Providing Reliable Officers, Technology, Education, Community Prosecutors, and Training in Our Neighborhoods Act of 1999.	10/25/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 10/29/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

Public Pensions

H.R. 1102/Support Rob Portman (R-OH) "Comprehensive Retirement Security and Pension Reform Act" (introduced 3/11/99)	To provide for pension reform and for other purposes.	3/11/99: Referred to House Ways and Means. 3/11/99: Referred to House Education and the Workforce. 3/26/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations. 6/29/99: Subcommittee Hearings Held. 7/14/99: Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations Discharged. 7/14/99: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 9/24/99: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Education and the Workforce. H. Rept. 106-331, Part I.
S. 741/Support Bob Graham (D-FL) "Pension Coverage and Portability Act" (introduced 3/25/99)	A bill to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes. 3/25/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.	6/30/99: Committee on Finance. Hearings held.
H.R. 1217/Support William Jefferson (D-LA) Government Pension Offset (introduced 3/23/99)	To amend Title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in Social Security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200.	3/23/99: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
S. 717/Support Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) Government Pension Offset Reform Act (introduced 3/25/99)	A bill to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to provide that the reductions in social security benefits which are required in the case of spouses and surviving spouses who are also receiving certain Government pensions shall be equal to the amount by which two-thirds of the total amount of the combined monthly benefit (before reduction) and monthly pension exceeds \$1,200, adjusted for inflation.	3/25/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
H.R. 860/Support Barney Frank Windfall Elimination Provision (introduced 2/25/99)	To amend Title II of the Social Security Act to restrict the application of the windfall elimination provision to individuals whose combined monthly income from benefits under such title and other monthly periodic payments exceeds \$2,000 and to provide for a graduated implementation of such provision on amounts above such \$2,000 amount.	2/25/99: Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Medal of Valor

H.R. 46/Support Bill McCollum (R-FL) "Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 1999" (introduced 1/6/99)	To provide for a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty.	2/25/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. 3/23/99: Subcommittee on Crime Discharged. 3/24/99: Committee Consideration and Mark-up/Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote. 4/13/99: Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection. 4/14/99: Received in the Senate and read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
S. 39/Support Ted Stevens "Public Safety Medal of Valor Act" (introduced 1/19/99)	A bill to provide a national medal for public safety officers who act with extraordinary valor above the call of duty, and for other purposes.	1/19/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. 4/22/99: Committee on Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. 5/18/99: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. 5/19/99: Received in the House.

Bulletproof Vest

Bulletproof Vest H.R. 1424/Support Bart Stupak "James Guelff Body Armor Act of 1999" (introduced 4/14/99)	To limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of federal surplus body armor to state and local law enforcement agencies.	4/22/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. 4/14/99: Referred to House Government Reform. 4/21/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology.
S. 783/Support Dianne Feinstein "James Guelff Body Armor Act of 1999" (introduced 4/13/99)	A bill to limit access to body armor by violent felons and to facilitate the donation of federal surplus body armor to state and local law enforcement agencies.	4/13/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.
H.R. 1423/Support Bart Stupak "Body Armor Restriction Act of 1999" (introduced 4/14/99)	To amend title 18, United States Code, to restrict the mail-order sale of body armor.	4/14/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 4/21/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
S. 2413/Support Ben Nighthorse Campbell "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000" (introduced 4/12/2000)	A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.	4/12/2000: Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4033/Support Peter Visclosky "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2000" (introduced 3/20/2000)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify the procedures and conditions for the award of matching grants for the purchase of armor vests.	3/20/2000: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 3/31/2000: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

Law Enforcement Museum

H.R. 2710/Support Joel Hefley "National Law Enforcement Museum Act" (introduced 8/4/99)	To establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on federal land in the District of Columbia.	8/4/99: Referred to the House Committee on Resources. 8/11/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. 8/11/99: Executive Comment Requested from Interior.
S. 1438/Support Ben Nighthorse Campbell (R-CO) "National Law Enforcement Museum Act" (introduced 7/27/99)	A bill to establish the National Law Enforcement Museum on federal land in the District of Columbia.	7/27/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. 4/27/2000: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation. Hearings held. 6/7/2000: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.

NAPO's Federal Legislative Scorecard—106th Congress (continued)

Federal Oversight

H.R. 1443/Oppose John Conyers (D-MI) "Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act of 1999" (introduced 4/15/99)	To provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.	4/26/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. 2/3/2000: Subcommittee on Crime Discharged. 3/13/2000: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary. 3/13/2000: Placed on the Union Calendar.
S. 821/Oppose Frank Lautenberg Traffic Stops Statistics Study Act of 1999 (introduced 4/15/99)	A bill to provide for the collection of data on traffic stops.	4/15/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. 3/30/2000: Committee on the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitution, Federalism, and Property Rights. Hearings held.
H.R. 1659/Oppose Jose Serrano "National Police Training Commission Act of 1999" (introduced 5/4/99)	To reinforce police training and reestablish police and community relations, and to create a commission to study and report on the policies and practices that govern the training, recruitment, and oversight of police officers, and for other purposes.	5/4/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 5/12/99: Committee Hearings Held. 5/19/99: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held. 6/18/99: Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Judiciary 6/18/99: Placed on the Union Calendar.
H.R. 2656/Oppose John Conyers Law Enforcement Trust and Integrity Act of 1999 (introduced 7/30/99)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to withhold funds in certain cases, and for other purposes.	7/30/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary 8/9/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.

Educational Assistance

H.R. 2059/Support Peter King (R-NY) "Degan III" (introduced 6/8/99)	To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.	6/8/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 6/17/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
S. 1638/Support John Ashcroft "Degan III" (introduced 9/24/99)	A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to extend the retroactive eligibility dates for financial assistance for higher education for spouses and dependent children of federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who are killed in the line of duty.	9/24/99: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Judiciary. 2/10/2000: Committee on the Judiciary. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably. 5/15/2000: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. 5/16/2000: Message on Senate action sent to the House

Police Badges

Police Badges H.R. 2633/Support Stephen Horn "Police Badge Fraud Prevention Act of 1999" (introduced 7/29/99)	To amend Title 18, United States Code, to prevent the misuse of genuine and counterfeit police badges by those seeking to commit a crime, and for other purposes.	7/29/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary 8/6/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
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Domestic Violence

H.R. 59/Support Bob Barr (R-GA) (introduced 1/6/99)	To amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide that the firearms prohibitions applicable by reason of a domestic violence misdemeanor conviction do not apply if the conviction occurred before the prohibitions became law.	1/6/99: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary. 2/25/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime.
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Juvenile Crime

S. 254 Monitoring Orrin Hatch (R-UT) "Juvenile Justice Bill" (introduced 1/20/99)	A bill to reduce violent juvenile crime, promote accountability by rehabilitation of juvenile criminals, punish and deter violent gang crime, and for other purposes.	1/22/99: Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. 5/11/99: Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent. 5/20/99: Passed Senate with amendments by Yea-Nay Vote 73-25. 5/26/99: Received in the House. 7/16/99: Pursuant to the provisions of H. Res. 249, papers are returned to the Senate.
H.R. 1501 Monitoring Bill McCollum "Juvenile Justice Bill" (introduced 4/21/99)	To provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders. 4/21/99: Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime. 4/22/99: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.	4/22/99: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote. 6/17/99: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: 287-139. 6/18/99: The title of the measure was amended. Agreed to without objection. 6/23/99: Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar. 7/28/99: Passed Senate with an amendment by Unanimous Consent. 7/29/99: Message on Senate action sent to the House. 7/30/99, 9:11 a.m.: On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference Agreed to without objection.

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Commended Officers: Southeast Division

P.O. III Christopher Hajduk, #27600

P.O. I Eric Martin, #35097

On May 8, 2000, Officer **Hajduk** and Officer **Martin** received information from Los Angeles School Police of a 211 that occurred at 103rd Street and Juniper Avenue.

The officers learned that the suspect had walked up to the victim and asked the victim for his gold chain. The victim refused and ran away. The suspect chased the victim and struck the victim on the left side of his head and removed the chain from the victim.

On May 9, 2000, at approximately 1320 hours, Hajduk and his partner were working 18FB28 and were east-bound on Century Blvd. near Grape

Street. The officers observed a male Hispanic fitting the description of the 211 suspect.

The officers made a consensual encounter and asked the suspect for his name. The suspect identified himself as the named 211 suspect.

Hajduk and Martin then placed the suspect under arrest for 211 P.C.

The officers are commended for their attention to duty, observation skills. The area where the crime occurred has plagued Southeast Area with numerous street robberies. The arrest should help Southeast Detectives clear numerous street robberies. ❖

Commended Officers: Southeast Division

P.O. II Shawn Massey, #31004

P.O. III Gary Ricco, #30371

P.O. II Richard Boyer, #32522

P.O. II Rufus Ward, #33589

P.O. II Ben Perez, #33573

P.O. II John Coughlin, #32353

On May 19, 2000, Unit 18X13 (**Massey/Ward**) were working directed patrol in the area between San Pedro St./Central Ave. and 111th St./Century Blvd. for the recent gang war between the "Back Street" Crips and the "Front Street" Crips. There were several gang-related homicides involving these two notorious gangs in the previous couple of days.

Massey and Ward were patrolling the area at Century Blvd. and Avalon Blvd. The officers were driving into the parking lot at the S/E corner as they heard a gunshot come from the east of their location. The officers then observed the suspect holding a semi-automatic handgun at the brick wall, and fire a second round northbound at two male black victims in the parking lot. Massey and Ward, fearing for the victim's safety, put out a broadcast, exited their vehicle and tactically deployed on the suspect. The officers ordered the suspect into a prone position; however, the suspect fled running and entered the rear of the residence at 10020 S. Avalon Blvd. Massey and Ward immediately took two additional suspects into custody and set a containment perimeter around the house and surrounding neighborhood.

With the arrival of additional units from Southeast, 77th and South Traffic Divisions, the responding officers took positions on the perimeter and assumed various crowd control, traffic control and perimeter duties. The officers did a good job with these duties.

Officer **Ricco** responded and assisted with the command post. Ricco was instrumental in forming the tactical

plans, which included the evacuation of nearby residences, positioning of units on the perimeter, contact and arrest teams, and the telephonic call-out of the suspect.

After the call was placed, the suspect elected to come out of the residence and submitted to arrest. Massey and Ward positively identified the suspect. The tactical team consisting of Massey, **Perez, Boyer, Coughlin** and **Ricco** entered the residence and cleared it for further investigation. After a thorough search, the team located a loaded blue steel .380 auto semi-automatic handgun (one in the chamber and four in the magazine), another 9mm magazine was also located with a live round.

The officers were unable to locate the victims of the shooting. The suspect was transported to Southeast Station where he was booked for 245(a)(2) PC (ADW with a firearm).

Officers Massey and Ward are to be commended for their attention to duty, keen observation skills and tactics. Officers' actions had a direct impact in the prevention of another senseless homicide.

Officer Ricco is to be commended for his tactical skills and his ability to formulate an efficient tactical plan under pressure, which maximized the usage of available units and brought a quick/safe ending to this situation.

Officers Perez, Boyer and Coughlin are to be commended for their keen observation skills and tactical skills in conducting a tactical entry and locating the weapon used in an ADW (shooting). ❖



photo by Dennis P. Z...

Councilman Alex Padilla recognizes Van Nuys officers for a job well done.



photo by Dennis P. Z...

Motor Officers Hammond, Chapple and Gerst (lt. to rt.) are recognized at MADD banquet in Sacramento for leading state in DUI arrests.

Captain Kirk J. Albanese
Los Angeles Police Department
Wilshire Division

Dear Captain Albanese:

I am writing to thank and commend Officer **Carlos Martin** of the Wilshire Division for his work in a recent Secret Service investigation. In December, 1999, Officer Martin arrested Steven Grant for credit card fraud. Mr. Grant is known to the Secret Service as a major and long-time figure in the counterfeit credit card world. His arrest has had a national impact in the area of counterfeit credit cards.

Officer Martin's initial investigation uncovered several purchases by Mr. Grant in addition to the initial purchase brought to Officer Martin's attention. Officer Martin completed a very thorough and detailed investigation that rolled into the prosecution of Mr. Grant in federal court. The total potential loss in this case was over \$85,000.00.

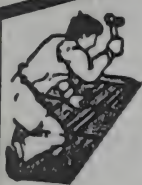
Officer Martin testified in the trial of Mr. Grant. During the trial, Officer Martin represented himself and the Los Angeles Police Department in a most professional light. Mr. Grant was subsequently convicted on Officer Martin's arrest and is awaiting sentencing.

Please convey my appreciation to Officer Martin for the work done on this case. The United States Secret Service values the relationship we have with the Los Angeles Police Department in fulfilling both our investigative and protective missions and look forward to working together in the future.

Very truly yours,
Frank R. O'Donnell
Special Agent in Charge
Los Angeles Field Office
Department of the Treasury
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RETIRED COP SPEAKS OUT: LAPD Officers Perceive Unfairness in Discipline

by Gary Fullerton
July 23, 2000, *Daily News*

Much has been written lately concerning problems in the Los Angeles Police Department—recruitment problems, difficulty in retaining experienced officers, lack of morale, a perceived double standard between command officers and rank-and-file officers, and the Rampart scandal.

Many reasons have been proffered to explain these problems—lack of a compressed work schedule, poor pension plan, poor recruitment process and failure to implement the Christopher Commission's recommendations.

As a recently retired LAPD officer of 26 years and former Director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League, I see the problem to be much more basic. Few people outside of the LAPD realize its system of discipline is so askew that it virtually guarantees a dysfunctional department in which officers are running scared.

They are running from the LAPD in droves—to other police agencies, to other occupations or merely to retire earlier than expected. Or they are running from radio call to radio call, always expecting the hammer to fall, not from

violent suspects but from a discipline system they perceive as unfair and unpredictable.

This phenomenon is occurring because of several factors. First, there are few clear rules provided to guide officers in the proper course of conduct. No one wants crooked cops or wants to protect illegal or inappropriate conduct.

But to follow the rules, one must know what the rules are. The most used charges against LAPD officers are "conduct unbecoming an officer," "neglect of duty" and "false and misleading statements." What these charges mean is so subjective no one knows if and when these areas are violated.

"Conduct unbecoming an officer" means whatever the chief doesn't like, which includes any conduct by an officer on or off duty. You became involved in a dispute with your neighbor? That's conduct unbecoming an officer. You accidentally wrote an insufficient check, when a check you deposited from another person bounced? That's conduct unbecoming an officer.

Officers are liable as police officers for their off-duty conduct even when the conduct has nothing to do with their work. You and your partner per-

ceived a situation differently from each other? Obviously, one of you must be lying, so both will be charged with making false and misleading statements until the true "liar" is ferreted out. Even the most innocuous and immaterial misstatements are charged as "lying" and result in termination, even when there was no evidence the officer intended to deceive.

Obviously, we want truthful officers. But no one can articulate his or her observations and actions as precisely and consistently as demanded by the present system.

Another major problem LAPD officers face is that there is no such thing as "training" to correct errors. If an officer makes a mistake, no matter how trivial or unintentional, it is dealt with by discipline.

Training should be a valuable tool to create good employees. But, when well-intentioned mistakes are always dealt with by discipline, all it creates is a work force who continually look over their shoulders, hesitant to do their jobs.

The actual process of discipline on the LAPD creates more conflict. Every Los Angeles city employee (including civilian police employees)—except for sworn police officers—has a system of discipline that allows for binding review by an outside arbitrator.

For sworn LAPD officers, the final authority on their discipline is Chief of Police Bernard Parks.

Virtually all officers believe, whether rightly or wrongly, that they do not receive impartial consideration of their cases. And, in today's politically charged climate, who can deny the playing field at least appears uneven?

When Proposition F was passed by the voters in 1994, it implemented one recommendation of the Christopher Commission that created a modified system of review of discipline, where

one member of the review board is a civilian. Previously, all three members of the review board were command officers. Officers initially rallied against this change, thinking civilian review was bad.

But to their surprise the civilians generally listened to and made decisions based on the evidence. Officers sensed the command officers were more worried about what the chief wanted than what was the evidence. Now, officers would want all three board members to be civilians because of their perception of fairness.

My experience has been that police officers realize they are held to a higher standard and they accept this as part of their profession. All they insist upon are clear rules of conduct and a system that provides fairness.

Why aren't police officers treated fairly as the rest of the city work force?

The chief would have you believe he can't run the Police Department without total control. But where has that got us? Perhaps it's time to treat officers equally.

A little fairness could go a long way in solving the mounting problems of morale, recruitment and retention.

A work force must feel it is being treated fairly before it will perform at optimal level. Don't we all deserve a police force that wants to come to work and do the best job possible? Pay raises and modified work schedules are fine. But until officers perceive they are being treated with fairness, we will never have the kind of police force necessary to manage the complex urban problems of our great city.

Gary Fullerton is a retired Los Angeles Police Department officer and a former director of the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

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Divorce and Your LAPD Pension Plan

by Karen C. Freitas
Certified Family Law Specialist

Frequently the predominant asset in a member's community property estate with their spouse is the Los Angeles City Pension Plan. The focus of this article is to generally address the issues confronting the divorcing member who, while presenting eligible to retire, desires to remain active until attaining 25 or 30 years of service, thereby maximizing their monthly Plan benefit.

The first issue confronting the member is how the Plan will be divided. In a dissolution of marriage (divorce) action, the Family Court has broad discretion over dividing the community interest in the Plan. That discretion may be exercised by either dividing the Plan such that the nonmember spouse receives one-half the community interest in the Plan when the member is eligible to receive benefits ("in-kind division"), or the member cashes out the nonmember spouse. The "cash out" may be accomplished by either the member giving up his/her interest in other community assets equal to the community interest in the Plan, or paying cash to the nonmember spouse equal to one-half the net present value of their share.

In the scenario in which the member chooses to "cash out" the nonmember spouse's interest in the Plan, an actuary (for a cost of about \$250) is retained to determine the net present value of the community property interest in the Plan. Often, such a community net present value equals \$300,000 or \$400,000 for a member with 20-24 years of service. Therefore, frequently there are insufficient other assets in the community estate to offset the member receiving the entire community interest in the Plan.

Nor does the member have access to \$150,000-\$200,000 to "purchase" the other's half interest.

A more common division of the community property interest in the Plan is where the nonmember spouse receives his/her share of Plan benefits when the member is eligible. With this type of "in-kind" division, the problem facing the member who chooses not to retire is the nonmember spouse's entitlement to receive his/her share of benefits NOW! This is known as the Gillmore "election." This "election" is the nonmember's right to receive his/her community property share of Plan benefits available and matured, which are not presently being paid by the Plan because the member has not yet retired. Once the nonmember spouse has made the election, a determination of what the community interest would be in the monthly benefit is made as though the member is now retiring. Then the member is ordered to pay the nonmember spouse their one-half share of that sum until the death of either party, or until the member actually retires, at which time the Plan commences payments directly to the nonmember spouse.

Under the Gillmore case, once the Plan benefits mature (the member is eligible to receive benefits), the Family Court does not have the power (jurisdiction) to order that the nonmember spouse wait for his or her receipt of benefits until the member actually retires, unless the nonmember spouse agrees in writing. Where there is a clear written waiver of the Gillmore election by the nonmember spouse, the Family Court may indeed uphold the waiver and order that the nonmember spouse receive his or her share of Plan benefits upon the actual retirement of the member.

The rationale for the ruling in the Gillmore case was that a member with vested rights in matured pension benefits, runs the risk of losing all of the benefits should he or she die before retiring. Obviously, the member cannot unilaterally defeat their spouse's community property interest by forcing that risk onto their spouse. The Court in Gillmore recognized that the nonmember spouse having control (election right) over when payments of his/her community interest in a fully matured pension benefit should commence is consistent with the legislative mandate that the Court make orders that are appropriate to assure that each party receives his/her rightful share of any and all community assets.

While at first glance, the Gillmore election by the nonmember spouse may appear unfair, a significant advantage

may be gained by the member when the nonmember spouse exercises the election. This is true particularly in cases where the nonmember spouse is also seeking spousal support from the member in a lengthy marriage. By the nonmember spouse exercising his/her Gillmore election, the member might address both the pension property division issue and the spousal support issue by making only one monthly payment to the nonmember spouse. For a more detailed discussion of these issues, consult a certified family law specialist familiar with the City Pension Plan.

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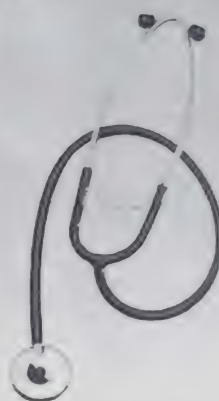
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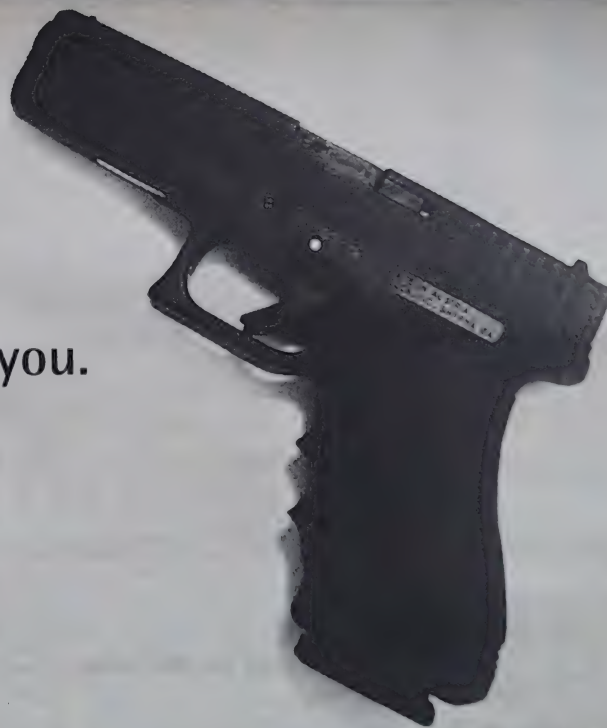


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Updated Labor Code Section 96(k) Article

by Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman
Silver, Hadden & Silver

As explained in my previous article regarding California Labor Code Section 96(k), the Labor Commission has been giving out conflicting advice as to whether or not it has jurisdiction to receive claims to recover lost wages on behalf of public employees as a result of a demotion, suspension, or termination for lawful, off-duty conduct. Therefore, in an abundance of caution, the remainder of this article will explain the requirements for filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission to seek relief from a violation of Labor Code Section 96(k).

Pursuant to California Labor Code Section 98.7, an employee alleging a violation of Labor Code Section 96(k) must file a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission within six (6) months after the occurrence of the alleged discriminatory action. This six-month period may be extended only for good cause.

Because of the newness of Labor Code Section 96(k), it is unclear at this time whether the "alleged discriminatory action" that triggers the six (6) month time limit for filing a Discrimination Complaint occurs (1) when the employee is notified of an intent to discipline based on charges involving off-duty, lawful conduct, or (2) after discipline (suspension, demotion, termination) is actually imposed and an actual loss of wages has occurred. The logical inter-

pretation would be to begin the six (6) month time period when discipline resulting in loss of wages is imposed because without any lost wages there would be no need for the Labor Commission to file a claim on an employee's behalf. However, until further guidance, employees should file a Complaint with the Labor Commission at the first sign of the Department's intent to impose discipline for lawful, off-duty conduct. If possible, employees should also raise an objection pursuant to Labor Code Section 96(k) to any charges based on lawful, off-duty conduct at the earliest possible stage of proceedings within the Department (i.e., internal affairs interview or Skelly hearing, etc.) so as to ensure that all rights are properly preserved.

Forms for filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission may be obtained by contacting your local Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, Public Information Unit. Once a complaint has been filed, the Labor Commissioner may hold an investigative hearing, if necessary to establish the facts. At the completion of the investigation, if the Labor Commissioner determines that a violation has occurred, he or she will direct the Department to cease and desist from the violation and will take whatever action is necessary to restore the employee to the position he or she was in prior to the violation including, where appropriate, interest on lost wages and/or payment of attorneys' fees. If the Department does not comply

with the Labor Commissioner's order within ten (10) working days following notification, the Labor Commissioner will bring an action in court to enforce the order. The employee may intervene in the action if desired.

One should be cautioned, however, that if the Labor Commissioner determines that a complaint was frivolous, unreasonable, groundless, or in bad faith, the employee may be liable for reasonable attorneys' fees associated with the hearing held by the Labor Commission. The Labor Commissioner should make a determination within sixty (60) days after the filing of the Complaint. An appeal procedure does exist within the Labor Commission which must be filed with the Department of Industrial Relations within ten (10) days following notification of the Labor Commissioner's determination.

It is important to understand, however, that the procedure set forth above does not preclude an employee from pursuing any other rights and remedies under the provisions of law. As such, even if the Labor Commissioner deter-

mines that no violation has occurred, an employee may still go to court to restrain the violation and obtain necessary relief on his/her own. Furthermore, Labor Code Section 98.7(f) may be interpreted to allow an employee to go straight to Superior Court to pursue a cause of action for wrongful discipline in violation of public policy as discussed in the prior article.

Also explained in the prior article, the Attorney General is expected to write an opinion clarifying the applicability of Labor Code Section 96(k) to public safety officers. Meanwhile, the law firm of Silver, Hadden & Silver has recently filed a Discrimination Complaint pursuant to Labor Code Section 96(k) on behalf of a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department that was accepted by the Labor Commission. Please do not hesitate to contact Elizabeth Silver Tourgeman at Silver, Hadden & Silver at (310) 393-1486 to get advice regarding the application of Labor Code 96(k) to specific factual scenarios or for assistance in filing a Discrimination Complaint with the Labor Commission.

MEDAL OF VALOR AWARDS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, September 6, 2000, at 1100 hours, the Los Angeles Police Department will present the Medal of Valor Award, the Department's highest honor to the following officers:

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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce will host the 41st Annual Medal of Valor Awards luncheon at the Westin Bonaventure Hotel, 404 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles.

Department employees may purchase tickets for the luncheon from Jennifer Bayer of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (213) 580-7585. If you wish to reserve a table, it is suggested that you purchase your tickets early. Checks should be made payable to the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, 350 South Bixel Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017, attention Jennifer Bayer. Parking is available at banquet parking rate.

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Louisiana's Kevin Allen Named the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's Officer of the Month

Washington, D.C.—The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) has announced the selection of Trooper Kevin Allen, of the Louisiana State Police, as its Officer of the Month for July, 2000. Trooper Allen is currently assigned to Troop L in Manderville, Louisiana.

When named Safety Director for a major auto insurance company in Louisiana, Renee Bozeman was challenged to develop ways to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries caused by automobile crashes. This was a daunting task as it is often said that Americans are involved in "a love affair with the automobile." Keenly aware of the personal and financial devastation caused by the crashes on our nation's highways, she felt that drivers needed to change their attitudes about driving; that they had to learn how to protect themselves once behind the wheel. She knew too that she would need an ally in this battle and she found one in Louisiana State Trooper Kevin Allen. "Trooper Allen is pure dedication," says Ms. Bozeman. "He believes the only way to change one's outlook is by prevention through education. He's been involved in every conceivable safety effort."

Committed to public service at an early age, Trooper Allen joined the Louisiana National Guard immediately after graduating from high school. In 1984 he joined the Washington Parish Sheriff's Office and served in both a reserve and full-time capacity. Having already received a degree from Pearl River Junior College, he enrolled at Southeastern Louisiana University in pursuit of a degree in law enforcement. In 1989 he transferred to the University's Police Department where

he worked until he completed an Associates Degree in Criminal Justice. In 1990 he took a position with the Louisiana National Guard Counter Drug Program and was assigned to work with the Washington Parish Drug Task Force. In 1992 he joined the Louisiana State Police and was assigned to the traffic division at Troop L, as the field training officer. Since 1996, Trooper Allen has served as the Public Information Officer for Troop L.

As a child passenger safety advocate and technician, much of Trooper Allen's duties include public education in the field of traffic safety. He is very involved with the Louisiana Safe Kids Coalition, which promotes Child Safety Seat Awareness and the inspection and certification of children's car seats. He has completed the Standardized Field Sobriety Instructor course at Northwestern University's Traffic Institute and is completing his certification to teach Child Safety Seat Technician courses. Trooper Allen developed, and now teaches a DWI prevention program, known as Booze-N-Cruise: You Lose, which is routinely taught to all high school students in southeast Louisiana.

Recently, he developed a program, in cooperation with the Charity Hospital Trauma Center, called Alcohol Awareness. Because many must first see to believe, this program brings teenagers into a trauma center to witness firsthand the consequences many experience when driving while impaired. He is the Chairman of the Southeast Louisiana DWI Task Force and speaks regularly about Operation Lifesaver, a program that focuses on rail grade crossing safety.

Married with two children, Trooper Allen is actively involved in community affairs. He coaches basketball, soccer and baseball and is involved with the Folsom Athletic Association. He is a First Sergeant with the Louisiana National Guard and is currently enrolled in its Sergeants Major Academy. He has received numerous commendations and letters of appreciation for his work with the Louisiana State Police and the National Guard and for his tireless community service.

Colonel W. R. "Rut" Whittington, Superintendent of the Louisiana State Police says of his outstanding and dedicated trooper, "Trooper Allen is an outstanding example of modern law enforcement. His dedication to duty goes beyond the norm and extends to every level of society. He clearly touches those who are most vulnerable to peer pres-

sure. The Louisiana State Police is proud to have Trooper Allen in its ranks. He is very deserving of the NLEOMF award."

Located in our nation's capital, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, a nonprofit organization, is dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers. The Fund, which was authorized by Congress to build and maintain the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, pays special tribute to the more than 15,000 officers who have died in the line of duty dating back to 1792. The NLEOMF Officer of the Month Program, which began in 1996, recognizes federal, state and local officers who distinguish themselves through exemplary law enforcement service and devotion to duty.

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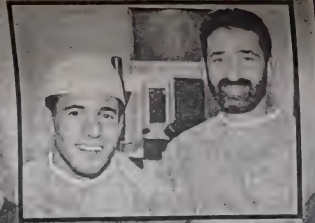
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A Century of Sacrifice in Law Enforcement

by Craig W. Floyd

(NAPS)—Sacrifices and triumphs—America's police force has known many in the last century and both have made this country a safer place to live.

At the dawning of a new century, 30-year-old William C. Rooney was part of a proud and growing law enforcement profession. Within the next ten years police officers would begin using fingerprints to track down criminals, a former New York City Police Commissioner named Theodore Roosevelt would become President of the United States, and the first woman in the country to have arrest powers would begin serving with the Los Angeles Police Department.

Rooney, a captain with the Colorado Department of Corrections, would never know about any of those historic events. On January 22, 1900, Capt. Rooney was stabbed in the heart during a prison escape and died. He was the first of more than 14,286 law enforcement officers in the United States to be killed in the line of duty during the twentieth century.

When compared to the years that followed, though, 1900 was a relatively tame period for the officers who served. The year ended with just 40 law enforcement fatalities. All totaled during the 1900s, more than 360 correctional officers lost their lives in the performance of duty.

One of the darkest days in police history occurred on November 24, 1917, when a suspicious package left outside a church was brought to a Milwaukee police station. The package exploded and nine police officers were killed.

Statistically, there was a dramatic rise in law enforcement fatalities from World War I until 1930, with the number of deaths increasing from 76 in 1914 to a high of 246 in 1930.

The number of police fatalities and the national homicide rate then declined during the 1930s '40s and '50s before sharply increasing in the '60s and '70s. The deadliest decade on record for law enforcement was the 1970s when a total of 2,218 officers were killed in the line of duty.

Largely due to the increased use of soft body armor, better training and improved equipment, police deaths have been on the decline for the past two decades.

The 134 police deaths in 1999 rank among the lowest in 30 years.

Each of the officers who died during this century has paid the ultimate price during what has been a century of law enforcement sacrifice.

For more NLEOMF information, please visit the Web site at www.nleomf.com.

Craig W. Floyd is chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. ♦



Officer Frank Caswin, one of the nine officers killed in Milwaukee bombing on November 24, 1917, the deadliest day in law enforcement history.

Poet's Corner

Who Am I?

by Dennis J. De Noi

Who am I? I am you.
Who are you? You are me.
Everything I do, I do for you because
if it were not for you,
there would be no need for me.
Who am I? I'm a reflection of you and
your image is mirrored back on me.
Who am I? I am the living image of my
family and my upbringing. Everything I do is
an honorable image of my loved ones.
Who am I and what do I do?
I am you in all I do.
I will never do in darkness or seclusion
that I would not be proud to do in front of
you.
I will never do to you what I would not
want my family to view.
Who am I? I am what you want to view
If you only view me in negative light, you
will only see me as the darkest of nights.
If you only point out the slight imperfection
of my image, you only magnify the flaws
in you, for all I do, I do for you

Who am I? I am a ray of light, who with
you we can all shine so bright. For with you
and all like you, we may pool our individual
rays of light and forever shine the world with
light.

Who am I? I am what you allow me to be,
for you give me the power that you see.

Who am I? I am your neighborhood
cop of the LAPD.

Who are you? You are the citizen cop that
bestows the honor in me to be your gallant
protector and humble public servant.

Who am I? I am a reflection of you. You
may be of many colors and I am too.

However, I will always wear nothing
shy of honorable blue, always true
to myself and to you.

For together we will return this city
safely back to you. This city we all so love
this city of brotherly love.

Together we will honor the youth of our
city, the rising angels of our city's future.

Who am I? I am you and you are me.

May we all work together on our own
flaws so we all reflect a more positive image.

Who am I? I am what you want to see. ♦

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by Chaplain Michael
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Refuge to soothe your core. ♦

William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation

by Dennis J. De Noi

The William H. Parker Los Angeles Police Foundation was created on January 25, 1967, by a subcommittee

of the Los Angeles City Council, chaired by Councilman John Ferraro. That subcommittee recommended that the police headquarters building and its grounds be officially named "Parker Center" in honor of the late

Chief William H. Parker (who died in office on July 16, 1966). Chief Parker joined the LAPD on August 8, 1927, and was appointed Chief of Police on August 9, 1950. At the time of his death from a heart attack, he had accu-

mulated 39 years of outstanding service with the department, 16 of which were as Chief (the longest reigning Chief in LAPD's history).

The Foundation's original funding came from simple one dollar donations from the loyal citizens that also believed that the good Chief's name and legacy should live on through a foundation in his honor. From this modest beginning, the Foundation has built and maintained a financial base and now issues numerous grants for specialized training course and equipment to personnel of the Los Angeles Police Department.

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William H. Parker
Chief of Police (1950-1966)

NAPO is Disappointed by Supreme Court's Decision Ruling That Evidence is to be Automatically Excluded Under Miranda

Dickerson v. United States

Washington, D.C.—Executive Director of the National Association of Police Organizations Robert T. Scully stated, "We are very disappointed in the Court's decision. In our view, while clearing up the confusion as to whether *Miranda* was constitutionally compelled, the Court improperly applied the Fifth Amendment to voluntary and freely given statements from a suspect. The Court has applied the Fifth Amendment privilege to good faith police conduct in this case that technically violated *Miranda* due to some confusion as to when the warnings were required, but which resulted in a voluntary and freely given statement from the defendant. The defendant's statement in this case was not the result of a coerced or involuntary confession." (The Fifth Amendment states that, "No person . . . shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself.")

Scully continued, "The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) filed an amicus brief in this case in support of law enforcement and

the reasonable federal statute at issue. This case was not about whether giving the warnings made good public policy, which many law enforcement officers support. Rather, it was about the automatic exclusion of incriminating statements if there was a technical violation of the *Miranda* guidelines. We pointed out to the Court that the purpose of law enforcement is to uncover truthful information in order to investigate crimes, identify suspects, clear the innocent, and convict the guilty, all without coercing incriminating statements. Thus, voluntary and uncoerced confessions and statements from suspects are inherently reliable and often necessary to solve crimes and then to apprehend and punish the offenders. This is why police professionals are trained in proper interrogation techniques to avoid practices that would result in involuntary confessions, not only because such statements violate the Constitution, but because they yield unreliable information. Unfortunately, under the rigid application of the *Miranda* formula in this case, both the absence of any coercion by the

police during a custodial interrogation and the completely voluntary nature of a suspect's incriminating statement are of little significance whatsoever."

Scully continued, "If an officer makes just one misstep—not giving a suspect a *Miranda* warning because he in good faith believes that the suspect is not yet in custody, the incriminating statement is thrown out and the suspect goes free, if the Court disagrees. Interrogation of criminal suspects is essential, yet this decision makes police officers proceed at their own risk. Under *Miranda*, voluntary reliable confessions are excluded from evidence for "technical" violations, even when there is no suggestion of police wrongdoing, but instead inadvertence or confusion. For example, *Miranda* is only triggered when a sus-

pect is in "custody," which remains a fertile subject for litigation. Hundreds of reported cases on the meaning of "custody" proves this point. Consequently, *Miranda* has become a vehicle inviting routine efforts to exclude voluntary confessions and the *Dickerson* case will only increase the amount of litigation on this point in state and federal courts."

The National Association of Police Organizations (NAPO) is a coalition of police unions and associations from across the United States that serves in Washington, D.C. to advance the interests of America's law enforcement officers through legislative and legal advocacy, political action and education. Founded in 1978, NAPO now represents 4,000 police organizations and 220,000 sworn law enforcement officers.

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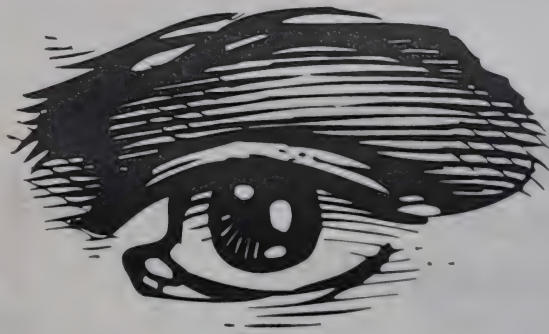
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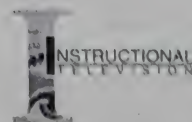
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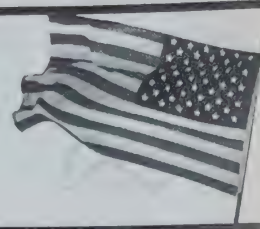
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American Legion News

Commander George Aguilar, 381

Meeting: 3rd Tuesday,
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July Meeting

On July 20, 2000, Los Angeles Police Post #381 held its monthly meeting at the Panorama Post. The yearly plans were discussed and the agenda was set.

Welcome Recruit Class #7-2000

On July 3, 2000, J.J. Leonard and Marty Chalupa welcomed the new police recruit class. There were eight with military service. They all joined Police Post #381. Congratulations and welcome to the new members: **Fernando Auila** (USAR), **Scott Bole** (USAR), **Julio Cortez** (USAR), **Edward Maranian** (USAF), **Jose Reyes** (USMC), **Timothy Reyes**

(USAN), **Enrique Vaca** (USN), **Gregg Wiele** (USAF).

The recruit class scheduled for Deployment Period #8, on July 31, 2000, was cancelled due to the DNC.

American Legion Post Transfer

I received a phone call from **William Mercier**, #7941. He retired from the Los Angeles Police Department in July, 1983. He has been a long-time member in another American Legion Post. He requested to transfer to our post. All of the paperwork has been completed and he is now a member of Police Post #381. Welcome to our post, Bill. We will look forward to meeting you in person at an upcoming meeting.

National Convention

The National Convention will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is always held over the Labor Day weekend. This year it will be held from Friday, September 1st through Thursday, September 7th. If you are planning on going or need information, contact Commander **George Aguilar** or Adjutant **Frank Ortiz**.

Congratulations, Bruce

Bruce Thiesen is a long-time friend of Police Post. He is the past National Commander of the American Legion (1994-94), and has continued to serve the Legion in numerous capacities. Governor **Gray Davis** has just appointed him to the position of "Secretary of the

California Department of Veterans Affairs." Bruce, congratulations from your friends at Police Post.

BBQ/Swim Party

On Sunday, July 23, 2000, **Mark Gerin** and his wife, **Phyllis**, hosted a party at their house for friends and members of Police Post. In attendance were **George & Ana Aguilar**, **Marty & Patty Chalupa**, **Bill & Judy Zimmerman**, **Richard & Elvia Ledesma**, **Frank & Dorothy Ortiz**, **Hal & Atelia Yarnell**, **J.J. & Julie Leonard**, **Woody & Sheryl Baca**, **Frank Florez**, **Charlie & Arline Meter**, **Tom & Linda Walsh** and a whole swimming pool full of kids. Thanks to **Tom Walsh** for cooking up the steaks. "Born to be Wild" **Woody Baca** set up his karaoke equipment. The steaks were great, the company was wonderful and the singing was terrible. A good time was had by all. Thanks to **Mark and Phyllis Gerin** for throwing such a great party.

American Legion Online

For information on the American Legion, please visit www.legion.org. There is also a Directory of Veterans Service Organizations at www.va.gov/vso/.

Court Testimony

A defense attorney was cross-examining a police officer during a felony trial—it went like this:

Q. Officer, did you see my client fleeing the scene?

A. No sir, but I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender running several blocks away.

Q. Officer, who provided this description?

A. The officer who responded to the scene.

Q. A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?

A. Yes sir, with my life.

Q. With your life? Let me ask you this then, officer—Do you have a locker room in the police station—a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?

A. Yes sir, we do.

Q. And do you have a locker in that room?

A. Yes sir, I do.

Q. And do you have a lock on your locker?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, that you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with those same officers?

A. You see sir, we share the building with a court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room.

With that, the courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best Comeback" line and we think he'll win.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

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1 Northeast Corner

by Lauro V. Montes
Northeast Division

Northeast Division will be hosting its annual picnic on Saturday, September 16th, at the Academy between 1100 and 1600 hours. This event promises to be one you won't want to miss. The picnic will be a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the old Highland Park Station which is now known as Northeast. All you retired Highland Park or Northeast officers and any active former Highland Park or Northeast officers are encouraged to attend. This party won't be the same without you. Come out and enjoy some great food, some great music and share some old war stories. Don't forget to bring the little ones so they can enjoy the Department displays, the inflated jumper and the face painting. For ticket information, call Sgt. Art Sandoval or PSR Salli Jo Doud at

Northeast Division, (213) 485-3131. The following officers have promised to sit in the dunk tank if we provide them with life jackets: **Rich Will, Mike Belmonte, Mike Gilbert, Vince Carreon and Javier Navarro.**

Sgt. Joseph "Big Joe" Gonzales, #17203, has decided that 28 years and two months of police work are enough. Joe officially retired from the ranks of one of "L.A.'s finest" on July 15. Prior to joining the force, Joe was a Marine in the U.S.M.C. between 1969 and 1971. Upon completion of his Marine tour of duty, Joe entered the LAPD Academy on May 15, 1972. Joe's first assignment was Rampart Division where he worked Patrol and Narcotics. Joe was wheeled to everyone's top choice, Communications Division in 1973. The next time Joe hit the list he was headed north to Northeast Division in 1974. Joe promoted to P-3 and then added a star to his stripes during the next sixteen years at Northeast. Joe promoted to sergeant and was assigned to Southwest Division before he came back home to Northeast. In addition to his patrol duties, Joe was the divisional SLO Coordinator and also the Community Relations O.I.C. Prior to his retirement, Joe spent a brief stint at nearby Newton Division. All of your friends wish you nothing but health and happiness in your much-

deserved retirement. We thank you for your friendship and the great memories. Your participation in the divisional athletic program was a main reason for its success. Hope to see all of you on Friday, September 8 (at El Arco Iris restaurant, 5648 York Blvd., between 1700 and 2100 hours) as we celebrate Joe's retirement.

Adios

Capt. Roper to Central Division, Officer C. Perez to Pacific Division, and Officer D. Trujillo to Scientific Investigation Division. Best of luck to all of you on your new assignments.

Bienvenidos

Capt. Meraz from Central Division, Officer Graciano from Personnel Division, and Officer Weise from Training Division. Welcome to your new home away from home.

Promotions

Congratulations to the following Northeast personnel on their recent promotions: Det. Governo from Det.-1 to Det.-2, Officer Otero from P-2 to P-3, and Officer Thompson from P-2 to P-3. We are fortunate that all three are staying at Northeast.

Commendable Northeast Capers

Instead of writing one or two lengthy patrol incidents involving just a few officers, I will list 25 officers involved in nine separate incidents. These officers are to be commended for their attention to duty, tactics, communication and coordination skills, teamwork and perseverance: Officers Joe Perez, #30847, Joel Flores, #30658, Kevin Heady, #20208, Marco Rivas, #30562, for arresting a 459 suspect; Officers Joe Galindo, #17637, Sam Park, #35234, and Chris Cooper, #16337, Rich Will, #13813, for arresting a 487 suspect; Officers Frank Martinez, #33258, and Rex Wells, #33296, for arresting a 187 suspect; Officers Steven Conner, #32742, Gerardo Loza, #33044, and Jesus Plascencia, #33938, Marco Rodriguez, #31601, for arresting a 2800.2 suspect; Officers Susan Loera, #31127, and Claudia Lamas, #35313, for arresting a 459 suspect; Officers Joe Galindo, #17637, and Rich Will, #13813, for arresting a 459 suspect; Officers Rich Davis, #16414, and Antonio Ramirez, #35385, for arresting an attempt 211 suspect; Officers Paul Williams, #24569, Marco Rivas, #30562, and Harold Marinelli, #24801, Julio Duarte, #24781, for arresting a 459 suspect, and Officers Jesse Crowe, #16872, Cindy Perez, #31008, John Marroquin, #25425, Robert Quiroga, #27633, for saving the life of a distraught female who was attempting to jump from the sixth floor of the health clinic located at 4700 W. Sunset Blvd.

S.I.D. Here I Come

Officer Dave Trujillo, #22897, recently transferred to Scientific Investigation Division, after spending 17 of 19 years at Northeast Division. Dave was known for his sense of humor, quick wit, loyalty to his partners and athleticism. Dave was also a much sought after partner due to his personality. Dave was always involved in the picnic and Christmas party committees. All your friends wish you the best at your new assignment. (Dave played a vital role in coaching the number 2 softball team to a first place finish in 1998.)

Gone Too Soon

Policeman Malcolm Leroy Beaty, #12613 (badge number 1472) was born in Los Angeles on December 23, 1940. Officer Beaty attended both Herbert Hoover High School and Glendale College. At 25 years of age, Officer Beaty entered the LAPD Academy on January 31, 1966. Upon his academy graduation, April 22nd, Officer Beaty was assigned to the Highland Park Station. After only four months patrolling the Highland Park area, Officer Malcolm Leroy Beaty was involved in a fatal traffic collision. Officer Beaty left behind a wife and three daughters, the youngest born four days after his untimely death. In the 34 years since his death, Officer Beaty remains the only Highland Park/ Northeast officer killed in the line of duty. A framed picture is situated on the wall directly across from the entrance to Northeast Station in his memory. A picture to remind us how dangerous this job can be. A picture to remind us of what a hero looks like. A picture of a man that we can all be proud of.

Good Humor?

One day a father and his rich family took their son on a trip to the country with the firm purpose of showing him how poor people can be. They spent a day and a night at the farm of a very poor family. When they returned from their trip, the father asked his son, "How was the trip?" The son replied, "Very good, dad." "Did you see how poor people can be?" The son replied, "Yeah!" "What did you learn?" The son replied, "I saw that we have a dog at home and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of the garden, they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lamps in the garden, they have stars. Our patio reaches to the front yard, they have a whole horizon. When the son finished speaking, his father was speechless. His son added, "Thanks, dad, for showing me how poor we are."

Final Word

Have a very safe Labor Day. See you next month and happy trails.

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by Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Division

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Ins-Outs-N-Ups

Don't stop here to read anything because for undisclosed reasons during this transfer period, no one was allowed to leave or arrive. (Did someone say D.R.C.?)

Officers Honor Their Community

On August 1st the 17th Annual "National Night Out Against Crime" Party was held on the south parking lot of the station. Hollywood hosted a "Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party" from 5-8 pm. Festivities included a children's corner complete with crafts, a jumper, pony rides and a petting zoo and numerous crime prevention and safety awareness information booths. Manning the activities were the members of the Hollywood Police Reserves, the Community Relations Officers, and the Senior Lead Officers. Almost 500 community members attended the event as well as Chief Parks, Councilman Feuer, Council Person Jackie Goldberg and Assemblyman Scott Wildman.

A special thanks is given to Officer Chantelle Barrett and her crew for organizing the event. The food was prepared and served with the donations and support of Yerevan Night Restaurant, owned and operated by Samuel Adzhemyan, located at 6211 Hollywood Blvd.

1.28 Fever

So why is SLO Officer Bill Sollie using this power saw, with a special cut through anything blade, to attempt to enter the Commander's office? Did he lose his "Kiet Out of Jail" key or is he trying to make sure the Lieutenant's morn-



L-R) Armen Sevdalian 3+1, Chantelle Barrett P 2 and Samuel Adzhemyan.



Bill Sollie P3+1.

ing coffee is hot and on the desk on time?

Homeless Outreach Detail

Officers D'Angelo and Allen work this detail on patrol where they recover abandoned shopping carts. Recently they observed a brown vehicle drive up along side of their police vehicle. Then for no apparent reason it speeds away. So these officers go in chase (not pursuit). They watch in horror as the violator breaks every law in the vehicle code-book. Then after a short chase and without warning, the suspect drives straight into the CHP Patrol Station on Vermont Avenue. The vehicle goes right through the closed gate then stopped, puts the vehicle in reverse, and comes at the officers' police vehicle with tires smoking. Both officers jump out of their vehicle as the suspect's vehicle crashes into them. The suspect exits his vehicle and announces in a loud voice, "I'm the King of Egypt."

The officers having sharp observation skills, believe this person is not covered by diplomatic immunity, quickly arrest the man. Ya know, it's stuff like this that makes patrol the place to be for fun and excitement on a daily basis.

Patrol Officer Honored

Hollywood Patrol Officer Todd Ramsey has been with the Department for five years. Two of these years he has been assigned to the Hollywood Special Problems Unit. The commendations he has received are too numerous to list but cover all aspects of police work.

In this day and age, with the negative views of law enforcement activities and extreme workloads, Officer Ramsey is still a proactive veteran officer. He demonstrates this by his desire to go out and do police work. His assertiveness and positive work attitude, his self-initiated observation activities have resulted in Officer Ramsey being

sought after as a partner and as well as a peer leader in Hollywood Division.

During public contacts, Officer Ramsey presents a professional image. He takes the time to explain a situation to alleviate any misconception that a citizen may have. Todd's strong personality gives him a definite command presence. This is evident when Todd deals with hostile suspects and other irate violators. In a time when everyone on this police department is working under less than ideal conditions, Officer Ramsey and the rest of Hollywood's uniformed personnel continue to dedicate themselves to honor the oath they swore to, to serve the cit-



Todd Ramsey.

izens of the City of Los Angeles. For this reason the Hollywood area has selected Police Officer III Todd Ramsey to be tiehr Patrol Officer of the Quarter. We congratulate you!

More Divisional Reporter on next pages



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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

West Valley Division The Wild* Wild West

by Tony Valadez
West Valley Division

OK, the DNC is over (well, not really... I'm writing this a month in advance). I'll get you all the details from an up-close, personal perspective next month. In the meantime, I'm at home losing sleep. For those of you with cameras, send pictures, especially DNC pictures. I have time now to download and send them in for our article.

And now the news...

The IOD Report

I am happy to report that SLO Vic Monroe is doing very well after his stint in the hospital. Apparently, Vic hurt himself a bit more than he realized. I guess bouncing his head off the ground didn't send up a red flag. Why he was actually going in foot pursuit in the first place and jumping fences was very "un-Vic" like. He always told me "That's what the car is for." Everyone is thinking about you, Vic. Take some time and relax. You deserve it.

On another happy note, Lt. Smart returned to WVAL at 100% after recovering from hip replacement surgery. We are all happy to see you back in action, Lieutenant.

WVAL Retirement Update

On July 19, 2000, we celebrated the retirement of Sgt. Dan Carnahan. Everyone at WVAL appreciates all the hard work Sgt. Carnahan did for us. Good luck in law school, Sarge!

On August 25, D-3 Bill Seeley celebrated his retirement with his wife Nancy and daughter LeAnne at Dakota's in Simi Valley. Det. Seeley competed 28-1/2 years and has been a great resource for all of us. I know he's helped me out of a few "clusters" over the past few years. As you ride off into the sunset, don't forget us all back here at the ranch. Good luck, Bill!

Everyone at West Valley wishes Sgt. Carnahan and Det. Seeley very long and happy retirements.

West Valley Stork Report (continued)

Our West Valley bundles of joy keep coming in:

On July 1st, P-1 Carter and his wife, Camilla, welcomed a new baby boy into the family. Zachary Scott Carter came



Joshua Anthony Valadez.

in at 1501 hours and was 6 pounds, 4 ounces. Mom and baby are doing well. Unfortunately, Carter is still at work. That's what you get for having a baby on probation.

On July 24th, P-2 Eric Holtz became a first-time papa. His wife gave birth to a baby girl at 1448 hours. Jaclyn Grace Holtz weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces. Everyone is doing great.

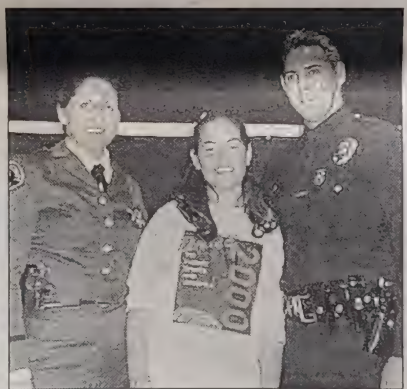


Community policing at work.

And finally, on July 27th, yours truly, SLO Tony Valadez, became the proud dad of a bouncing baby boy. My wife, Christine, gave birth to Joshua Anthony Valadez at 1227 hours at West Hills Hospital. Josh weighed in at 6 pounds, 2 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long.

The Sports Page

Apparently, first baseman Lt. Tim Moss, late of the 1999 Red Davis Championship Softball team, has been finding "retirement" from the athletic field unfulfilling. Lt. Moss has resurrected the LAPD baseball program from its 25-year hiatus. He will also head the team as its manager (Tommy Lasorda would be so proud). For all of you "ball"



Officer Salcedo and daughter at DARE Graduation.

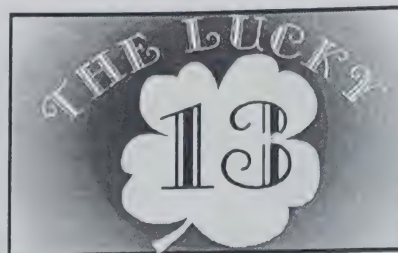
players, it's baseball (the hard, little white ball that flies at your head at 90 mph, not the melon arching at you at 2 mph that you gloat about hitting 200 feet). Anyone interested in joining Lt. Moss's "hardballers" can contact him in the day watch W/C office, or Officer Mike Scott at Van Nuys (AM watch).

Comings and Goings

Well, in August no one was transferred out or brought in. At least we didn't lose anyone. Don't tell the mid-watch folks. Oh yeah, we don't have mid-watches anymore... oh well. We did get one probationer. I don't have the transfer in front of me, so whoever the new P-1 is, you are now directed to introduce yourself to every person at West Valley. Welcome aboard!

And finally, a friendly reminder that the WVAL annual picnic will be held on September 9, from 1100-1600 hours. It will be held at the Disabled American Veterans Center at 6543 Corbin Avenue. Tickets are going fast so get them while you can. Don't forget to get that day off—you may even be able to get a T/O.

Well, that's all. I gotta go change diapers. This is 10A75, show me out to the station.



by Jeff Churchill
Newton Division

The Snake Retires

On August 3, 2000, Newton Day Watch put on a barbecue luncheon for retiring P3+1 Wouter "Super Snake"



Wouter thinking about seconds during his retirement barbecue, or is he having another senior moment.

Von Lutzow. Day Watch officers and detectives turned out to partake in the gourmet dining experience.

During roll call, PM Watch and Day Watch officers presented Wouter with a cake and several power tools. Wouter has completed nearly 30 years of on-duty service for the city.

Commendable Cappers

On July 1, 2000, P.O. 3+1 Hugh O'Gara and P.O. 1 William Ritch responded to a radio call of a missing adult. Officer O'Gara, a soon-to-be 30-



Kellie Baitx, Rich Arcinega, J.D. Furr.

year veteran, quickly determined that he had a kidnap situation involving a mentally retarded female victim. Officer O'Gara was meticulous with his investigative efforts. During the course of his investigation, the victim returned to her residence. Officer O'Gara and his partner exercised a great deal of patience with the victim and were able to develop leads that led to the suspect's residence, the recovery of critical evidence and the eventual arrest of two suspects.

The Deputy District Attorney filed one count each of Kidnap, Rape, Terrorist Threats and Sexual Battery.

This is just one of the many typical investigations conducted by Hugh O'Gara.

Great job guys.

On July 22, 2000, Police Officers Berdin and Linscomb responded to a man with a gun call. Berdin and Linscomb determined that they could possibly have an armed suspect who barricaded himself in the location. They requested additional units and contained the location and while they completed their initial investigation. It was determined that an ADW had occurred. Sgt. Shelly Savage responded and assumed the role of Incident Commander. After all tactical considerations had been addressed and the suspect refusing to respond, SWAT was called and responded. Just as SWAT personnel assumed responsibility of the interior perimeter, the suspect gave up.

Newton personnel asked him why he didn't come out initially. He replied that he thought the police would just leave if he waited long enough.

Great job!

Newton's OSD Inspection

In preparation of the coming DNC, Newton Detectives had another inspection on July 19, 2000. Captain's Maeweather and Buck conducted the inspection with Commander Pappa in attendance.

Detectives Kellie Baitx, Rich Arcinega and J. D. Furr finagled their way out of another inspection by putting



Newton MAC Unit

on another gourmet delight for Newton OSD.

Congrats

P-3 promotions go to Robert Golden, Ronald Kingi, Monica Labato, Patrick Rudolf and Charles Wunder. Well, it's about time, Charlie.

Congratulations to Anthony Uribe for grabbing the senior CSA position here at Newton.

Ins and Outs

Welcome to the Newton family P-3 Vasquez in from CTD, Probationary Officers Matt Bakotich and Daniel Rubalcava. P-1 Bakotich has some shoes to fill. His father Detective Pete Bakotich, a 30-year veteran, was assigned to Newton Robbery a few years ago, now working Fugitives. His uncle, Nick Bakotich, a 20-year veteran line reserve officer currently assigned to Newton.

A big see ya goes to Clerk Typist Stephanie Bankhead, off to Training Division. Good luck, Stephanie.

Just a Reminder

Don't forget the Newton reunion on Friday, October 13th, at the "Original" Academy. It's the 75th.

For more information, call Detectives J. D. Furr or Kellie Baitx at (323) 846-5363 and Det. Roseira Moreno at (323) 846-6524.

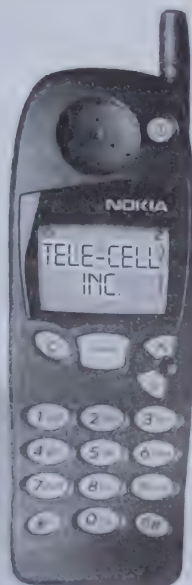
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Donald Boon, Ted Hunt

Officer Romik Kehishi, Officer Cynthia French, Sgt. Joan Leuck.



Officer Lazaro Ramirez (left) and Officer Jeff Hazer are congratulated by Vice President Al Gore.



Officer Donald Boon with his family, daughter Charlotte, wife Crystal and daughter Davielle.



Officer Ramirez and Mina Diaz.



Richard Waak, Sgt. Joan Leuck (right) and family.



Gina French, Karen Sept, Officer Cynthia French, and her proud parents Ann and Don French.



Officer Jeff Hazer and actor Richard Belzer (left).



Officer Manuel Solis, Attorney General Janet Reno, Sgt. Joan Leuck, Officer Jeff Hazer, Officer Don Boon, with Charlotte, Davielle and Crystal Boon.



The Top Cop Award winners and nominees

by Rick
The Seventh Annual TOP COPS AWARDS honor those law enforcement officers whose heroic actions above and beyond the call of duty.

Sergeant Joan Leuck
Officer Cynthia French
Officer Ramik Kehishi

Three Los Angeles Police Officers who braved a night of terror with a man with a semi-automatic assault rifle were honored at a reception at the historic Warner Theatre.

They were also toasted by Vice President Al Gore. Three were named "Top Cops" along with

Sergeant Leuck and Officer French and Officer Hazer of Los Angeles Police Department Office 100 in North Hollywood on December 31, 1999. The man who was terrorizing his neighbors was shot with an assault rifle inside the complex.

During several fierce gun battles that night, Los Angeles Police Department Officers and the community were grievously wounded by multiple gunshot wounds.

The incident was ultimately resolved with the help of Sgt. Joan Leuck and Officer Keshishi in a final

Top Cop Nominees
Donald Boon
Manuel Solis

A second group of Los Angeles Police Department Officers was recognized by NAPO for heroic action during a gun battle with a gunman with a high-powered assault rifle.

The tactical experience and personal courage of the named officers brought tremendous honor to the Los Angeles Police Department and cops around the world.

TOP COPS AWARDS®

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF POLICE ORGANIZATIONS TOP COPS AWARDS®

by Rick Wells

AWARDS® were held in Washington, D.C., to honor officers who served their communities with courage and the call of duty.

Sgt. Joan Leuck

Cynthia French

Samik Keshishi

Officers who braved gunfire from a deranged gunman with a rifle were honored at a ceremony and luncheon in Washington, D.C.

President Gore at a luncheon in their honor. The officers were joined by fellow officers from around the nation.

Sgt. Leuck and Keshishi were part of a larger group of officers called to an apartment complex on March 31, 1998 in response to a deranged gunman who was brandishing a high-powered

that occurred between the Los Angeles Police Department and the gunman, Officer Cynthia French was shot in the chest and sustained

when the suspect engaged Sergeant Boon in a final gun battle where he was killed.

Top Nominees

Jeff Hazer

Lazaro Nicolas Ramirez

Los Angeles Police Department officers were also recognized for their courage during a gun battle in Foothill Division where two officers were wounded by another deranged gunman with a rifle.

The personal courage of all seven of the above officers brought honor and prestige to the entire Los Angeles Police Department and to the entire nation.



Sgt. Leuck, Officer Devitte (Las Vegas PD), Robert Scully (NAPO Executive Director) and Officer Keshishi.



Sgt. Leuck (right) with actor Yaphet Koto (center) and proud family member.



Officer Keshishi and his wife Ani.



Attorney General Janet Reno congratulates Officer Boon and his family.



The Boon daughters with Marine Corps mascot.



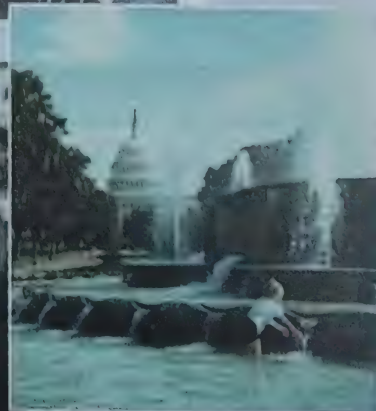
Officer Manuel Solis (right) with Janine Lamont.



Award winners and nominees with family and friends.



Don Boon with family and Award winners at the League-sponsored dinner for the Top Cops families.



DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Art Rico
Rampart Division

Hard at Work

Being a Senior Lead Officer requires a great deal of hard work, patience and dedication.



S.L.O. Ramirez after a full day of work handling radio calls, training probationers, coordinating with officers, going to meetings and returning all his phone calls.

Saving Rampart Tradition

During preparation for the DNC, the station underwent a major cleanup where several unused and broken items had to be trashed. During that cleanup, Sgt. **Danny Roman** and I dis-



covered an old and dusty banner made out of wood with some broken lights and a missing letter. The cleanup crew, not knowing its significance and value, were in the process of trashing it. We explained to the crew and recovered the item.

As many of you know (especially the old timers), this banner was placed on top of the Rampart follow-up vehicle back in the '80s/early '90s during all the Baker to Vegas runs and is with

this banner that Rampart brought home the championship.

The banner is currently being restored by a Rampart volunteer and it will be in display soon.

Beyond the Duty

Day and night officers here at Rampart go on the streets to perform their duties. Many of these officers go beyond their duties to help out citizens and coppers alike. Here is an example of just that.

On June 23, 2000, Det. **Michael Burditt** located a stolen vehicle parked in the vicinity of the Lake Street facility in Rampart Area. The vehicle had been seen in the area, parked in different locations, over a three week period. Det. Burditt requested a Rampart unit respond to surveil the vehicle.

Officer **Labriola** and Officer **Eubank**, assigned Unit 2A42, immediately responded to Det. Burditt's request. It should be noted that the officers worked mid-day watch and responded on their way back from court, prior to their scheduled start of watch. The officers staked out the vehicle, and two hours later a suspect entered the vehicle and drove away. The officers arrested the suspect a short distance away without incident.

Officer Labriola and Officer Eubank received a commendation from Det. Burditt (IAG) for their timely response, outstanding arrest, and service to the Rampart community.

Wishing You the Best

We all here at Rampart wish Officer **Lou Contreras** a quick recovery and a fast return. Our thoughts and prayers will always be with you, especially from all the guys here in Morning Watch.

Congratulations

Rampart is proud to announce the new Detective of the Quarter, Det. **K. Wiseman**. Det. Wiseman has been an outstanding Rampart detective for many years and it is due to his hard work, dedication and experience that he receives this award.

Promotions

Congratulations to Det. **Sheriff** who was promoted to D-II and to Officers **Elfarra**, **Hendry** and **Lee** who were promoted to P-III. They will all remain at Rampart.

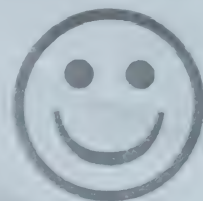
Coming In

Rampart welcomes Officer **Magallon** from P.E.R. and Officer **Palomares** from the Academy.

West L.A. Journal

by Mary Dacey
West L.A. Division

I am writing this month in honor of my father, retired Sgt. **William F. Dacey**, who passed away on July 14, 2000. His serial number was 5599, and he served 30 years and 30 days before retiring in 1978. His academy training back in 1948 lasted 28 days as they wanted the officers to hit the streets before the fiscal year started on July 1st. Imagine, just 28 days! He then spent time at West L.A., Venice and Wilshire Divisions where he was revered among the troops and faithful to his calling. I now have his Sharpshooter medal and promise to learn to shoot well before I wear it (haha). I think he would appreciate a little humor as he himself had a dry wit and a great sense of humor.



TRANSIT BUS

by Officer Lupita Alaniz
Transit Bus Division

Hello there once again, my Transit family. I hope you all have enjoyed the previous article. If you didn't, here's a small reminder to notify me before the end of each month about anything exciting that has happened to you on or off the job so that I may include it in the monthly Blue Line. My life is exciting, but I can only say so much. Your input is important and will be helpful in future articles. I'd like to thank those folks who came to watch me play in Hollywood on August 1st for their National Night-Out Party. It was nice to see familiar faces. I was slightly nervous and your presence took the edge off. Thanks, guys.

A stealth birthday wish goes out to a Transit Bus Officer. No, I didn't forget your special day. Happy 27th birthday. Have an outstanding day!

Officer of the Quarter

The Transit Group's Command Staff acknowledged Officer **James Carroll** for his teamwork, commitment to quality service, initiative and productivity by selecting him as Transit Bus Division Officer of the Quarter. Officer Carroll has consistently ranked among the top producers for the watch in all areas. He has shown leadership amongst his peers and is appreciated by those who work with him.

Caper of the Month

On July 6, Officers **Ivan Vintimilla** and **Jorge Trejo** were in the area of Wilmington Avenue and Opp Street when they observed a vehicle having expired tabs. Vintimilla and Trejo attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle driver did not comply. During the developing situation, the officers observed the driver reach under his seat and around the steering column

There are lots of stories I could tell and I am sure that those of you who worked with him have your own stories and memories as well. He and a sergeant friend from Wilshire loved to go to 31 Flavors and eat ice cream. They had a special code for meeting there. It went something like: 7L30 to 7L50, "31." That was all that was needed to be said.

Anyway, he was the best. I, along with the rest of the family, am thankful for your thoughts and prayers during this time and am grateful to the officers who were able to attend the memorial service. Sgt. **Carson Pierce** worked with my father at Wilshire Division and spoke of him out of great respect and friendship. As you can imagine, it just won't be the same around here anymore without him. However, the memories will be there, along with the stories, the photos and the legacy he left behind. Hey, dad, ENJOY! "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15.

area. As the officers followed the vehicle, they observed the driver fail to stop for numerous stop signs and then witnessed as it collided with another vehicle. The driver obviously determined not to get caught, sped away from the accident. As the suspect tried to escape from officers, he was observed placing a dark object, resembling a handgun, into the sunroof section of the vehicle roof. Soon, the damage that was caused to the driver's vehicle at the time he was recklessly avoiding the police made his vehicle inoperable and the suspect reluctantly gave up. Officers Vintimilla and Trejo took the suspect into custody, along with a .40 caliber, fully loaded handgun that they recovered in the overhead moon roof area of the vehicle. During a further search of the vehicle, officers recovered several hundred dollars and numerous cellular phones. As the suspect was being booked at 77th Station for felony evading, a small baggie of Methamphetamines was recovered from between the suspect's buttocks (can't they think of a better spot than that—yuck!). Due to the officers' observation skills and thorough investigation, the suspect will be spending a lot of time in prison, penniless and drug free. Good work, guys!

Celebrity Section

Yes our very own celebrity at Transit Bus, Officer Schwab has made the front page of the L.A. Times Metro section for demonstrating his outstanding tactics during a "Man with a gun" radio call. Officer Schwab, without hesitation, took the initiative to prepare a plan and tactically remove all the passengers from the bus. With the assistance of Newton officers, they were able to safely remove all passengers and control the situation. Great job!!

Democratic National Convention Training

The Transit Bus Division officers take training serious and have adhered to regular, ongoing division preparation for the DNC, which is due to touch down in mid-August.

Until next time, I leave you with this: "When all is lost, the future still remains."

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Not to news

by John Marsden
North Hollywood

New Inspection Policy

North Hollywood's crime stopper extraordinaire P-3+1 **Mike Jensen** is responsible for North Hollywood's new inspection policy. It seems he recently went into foot pursuit of a GTA suspect. Even with his senior age of 53 as a handicap, he was just about to catch the suspect when his shoelaces became untied. He stepped on his shoelace and took an immediate header and skidded along the pavement leaving his outer layer of skin on the hot asphalt. Now North Hollywood has a "Jensen Inspection" and officers' shoelaces are checked before they hit the streets. Thanks, Mike!

Relay for Life

Recently, some of our North Hollywood Area personnel took part in the American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life. It began on June 24, 0900 hours and ended June 25, 0900 hours. There had to be at least one member on the track during the 24-hour period. Our team raised over \$1,600 and consisted of 14 members, 8 of which are assigned to North Hollywood Area: **Joane Bryant**, **Pamela Wells**, **Janette McChesney**, **Cynthia French**, **Isaac Martinez**, **Marcia Johnson**, and **Mike and Margie Coffey**. Thanks to all who contributed their hard-earned dollars.

Baker to Vegas

News of North Hollywood's standing in the annual run is a little late, but not forgotten. Many thanks to **Nancy Reeves**, **Dave Delgado**, and all the hard-working individuals who donated their time and effort into making Baker to Vegas possible. North Hollywood

placed 10th overall in the mixed division with their best time yet.

No Ho's Best

Congratulations to Officer **Craig Suzuki**, #33285, who was selected as the North Hollywood Area Officer of the Month for July, 2000. Craig is a



North Hollywood Area's Baker to Vegas "2000" Team and Support.



Cancer Society Relay For Life—pictured are (left to right) Pam Wells with daughter Lauren Bermudez, Cynthia French, Janette and Austin McChesney, and Joane Bryant.

well-liked and hard-working individual who is well deserving of the award.

Sgt. I **Raymond "Ray" Davies**, #13765, has been selected as the North Hollywood Officer of the Month for August, 2000. Sgt. Davies is a dedicated supervisor who has been a member of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1968. Sgt. Davies is a true

leader who sets a high standard of excellence and can always be counted on to assist his officers.

Deliveries

Congratulations to Officer **Christina Mejicanos** who gave birth to a healthy, bouncing baby boy, named **Carlos Giovanni Mejicanos**, who was born on July 25, 2000, weighing in at a hefty 9 pounds, 10 ounces.

Officer **John Marsden** is the proud grandfather (again) of a baby boy named **Cameron Marsden Harmon**, who was born on July 19, 2000, and weighed in at a healthy 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Farewell

Capt. **Richard Wahler**, #17448, has retired after 28 years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department. His commitment to the community and the department were evident at his retirement dinner held at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City on August 3, 2000. Capt. Wahler dedicated 5-1/2 years of service to the North Hollywood Area. Best wishes to you and your family.

Promotions

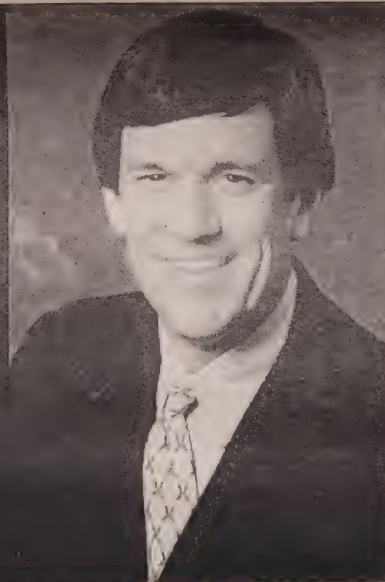
Officer **Manny Arreygue**, #30026, and Officer **Fortunato "Tito" Mariscal**, #27227, were selected as our new Senior Lead Officers.

Congratulations to Sgt. **Chris "Chili" Vasquez**, #16157, who recently celebrated his 30 year anniversary with the department. Chili vows to stay with the department until his daughter, **Lisa**, #35777, a recruit in the July, 2000 Class, makes the rank of sergeant.

More Divisional Reporter on next page

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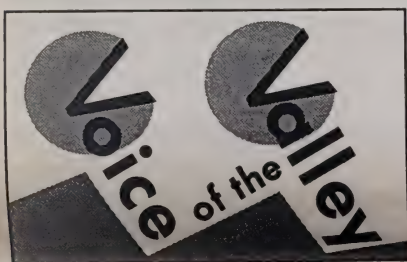
DIVISIONAL REPORTER



by Det. Tom Wich
Robbery Homicide Division

Commendable Incident

On March 26, 2000, a young married couple from south Los Angeles went to a local bank and withdrew a large sum of U.S. currency which they had planned to use towards the purchase of a car for their daughter's 18th birthday. They left the bank and drove directly to a car dealership not far from the bank. Little did they know that a ruthless gang of robbers had surveilled them from the bank to this location. As the exited their vehicle, armed suspects approached them on foot and demanded the currency. The victim's wife refused. Seeing that the suspects were pointing their weapons at his wife, the husband stepped in front of her in an attempt to protect her. The suspect fired his weapon mortally wounding the victim.



by John Amott
Valley Traffic Division

It's been a while since VTD had a column in the Blue Line, and there's been a lot happening. By the time this is published, the DNC will be behind us. As of this column, we have been busy with preparations for the unknown. I hope it goes better than the Lakers' final game. Most of us "after-dark" officers were quite busy and quite embarrassed with the direction we received from the top.

Lt. Steve Allen (the Department's only Lt. II+2 traffic lieutenant) has moved to Foothill as the admin. boss. Lt. I Don Lehman has come in to replace him. Don was an AI officer at WTD in 1985 (I guess it pays to be nice to officers who, one day, may become your boss). Steve Dell, a 25-year motor cop that made sergeant several years ago, has left purgatory and came back to VTD as a CI supervisor. Bob Uber, our D-III in the detective section, recently retired. Joe Gomez, another long-term motor cop who went the CI route to detectives, also retired.

In the Reserve Corps, George Lawless recently celebrated his 30th anniversary as a reserve policeman. He also had some prior experience as a regular officer back in the sixties. We were saddened at the death in April of Technical Reserve Officer Fred Baron. He was quite active throughout the Department as well as in the Valley. He

The suspects made good their escape. RHD was notified and Detectives Otis



(L-R) Dave Martin and Steve Katz, newly promoted D-3 in RHD.

Marlow and Thomas Matthews responded. In addition, Robbery Specialists Detectives Steve Korman and James Martin assumed the investigative responsibility of the robbery aspect of this case.

The detectives began a "man hunt" for these ruthless killers. Based on their preliminary investigation, it was determined that a local south end gang was responsible for this crime. In order to identify these "cowards," the detectives requested the assistance of

instituted the POSSE program for special education children, with the help of many friends in public safety. He will be missed.

Many of our CI officers recently took their motor oral and are awaiting the results. Also taking an oral were several former motor officers who left for greener pastures and promotions to specialized assignments. It turned out that the grass isn't always greener on the other side. It'll be good to have them back. Speaking of greener pastures, we've had quite a few background investigators from other departments at our office. Quite a few of our officers are looking to leave. Most are complaining about the lack of a CWS and our discipline system. Our historian/writer, Captain Meyer, has volunteered the motor squads to give some attention to FASTRAC locations in the Valley. Each squad gives one day per week to the cause.

Recently, Tony Hotchkiss stopped a DUI suspect. The suspect blew above the legal limit into the PASS. He failed the FST and later blew high in the GCI. The suspect's defense: He is a magician, returning from a show, which included fire eating. The alcohol content was not from drinking, but rather residue from his act. The judge had the defendant perform his act outside for a pre-trial conference. He then blew double-zeros. If he tries this defense in court, we may want to charge admission.

I NEED A T-CAR... It doesn't help the RTO or the traffic division if you ask for a T-car for a "I/c, not involved." If you tell the RTO about injuries, type of CPI, etc., we will try to set a priority to get you a unit ASAP. So feel free to give a bit more detail to help get a unit to you faster.

From the old motor sergeant: Don't ride too close behind a horse trailer on a bumpy road.

Detective Gregg Kading, currently assigned to Wilshire area, who is an expert in gang crimes. With his help the detectives were able to identify the suspects and obtained a positive identification from the victim. Detectives Marlow and Matthews then located and arrested one of the suspects involved. As of this article, the second suspect is still on the run. Based on the complexity of this crime and other similar crimes attributed to this gang, RHD has "borrowed" Detectives Dorian Henry (77th) and Mario Cortez (NTN) to assist in the investigation.



(L-R) Chuck Knolls, Brad McCarten, Dave Martin and Jay Moberly.

The second commendable incident goes to the Bank Squad's Detectives Miguel Mejia, James Fountain and Charles Stubbs. Seems there was this individual that needed a little extra cash so he decided that he would go to a bank and make a withdrawal. The only problem was that he wasn't asking for his own money. He would present a demand note then verbally intimidate the teller. This bandit robbed a total of nine banking institutions in Los Angeles, Burbank and Glendale. Det. Mejia requested the assistance of the local news media who were more than happy to show the bank surveillance photographs to the public. Within one day of having his face on the news, Det. Mejia received a call that

identified this bad guy. The detectives responded to the suspect's residence and were told that the suspect had fled to Mexico the moment he saw himself in the news.

Det. Mejia completed his case package on the suspect and requested the assistance of DSD Foreign Prosecution, Det. Phil Dudley. Det. Dudley, who is an expert when it comes to foreign prosecution, notified the Mexican authorities who in turn have located and bedded down this suspect. RHD has learned that this bandit has been bragging to his friends and family that he is safe and that LAPD will fail in their attempt to apprehend him. As of this writing, a warrant is being obtained for his arrest. Hope he likes Mexican prison food.

Welcome to RHD

We are happy to welcome Management Aide Don Wildy who will be joining us from Jail Division.

Promotions

Congratulations to our new D-III, Steve Katz, who will remain in Homicide II.

Sports Update

Congratulations to Bank Squad Det. John Wong, who represented our department in this summer's Police and Fire Olympics. John participated in the golf portion of the games and was the gold medal winner in the Masters A-Flight. In addition, John, along with his partner (sorry, he didn't tell me who his partner was), won the bronze medal in the Masters A-Flight 2-man team competition. Great job, and no, he does not train on duty!

Well, that about does it. Hope you all had a great summer. So, until next time, BE SAFE.

VANNUYS Happenings

by L. Gotham
Van Nuys Division

I heard that one of our morning watch sgt's (Sgt. J. Beatty) was following a possible stolen veh. in the early morning hours. He began his broadcast about 2 min. into the following he noticed that no air unit, no back-up units were anywhere in sight. He thought maybe his radio went bad, but instead he realized that while he was broadcasting on his P.A. system, FYI sarge red light on, P.A. on.

While we are on the subject of Sgt's, maybe Ofer. A. Tibbett can give Sgt. Medof some advise of how not to get hit in the face while playing racquetball. Seems Sgt. Medof prefers to use his face rather than his racket.

Ofer. J. Padilla came into the office and asked Ofer. J. Rigney and Ofer. T. Bibbs if he could go on their next hunting trip and would this costume help him get closer to bambi. My advice to Ofer. Padilla you wear that get up and Rigney will have your butt mounted.

Ofer. T. Bibbs and Ofer. R. Allen responded to a code 30 at a vet clinic. While Allen did the investigation Bibbs protected and served (yeah right) the pretty young females at the front desk. Upon completion of his

investigation Allen returned to the front desk where his "partner" offered him some cookies from the staffs basket. (Allen made a mistake of trusting Bibbs) Bibbs told him the choc. ones were good, so Allen takes one and proceeds to put it in his mouth when Bibbs tells him it's a dog cookie.

Here is some news for the old timers: I had lunch with a very retired and very rested Bob Denton. Seems he has given up the rat race of L.A. for the open, quiet space of Colorado. He and his wife Becky are doing great. Talked to Ron Bates who also left the rat race for some wide-open space and fresh air. I also see ret ofer Dick Metz, who is enjoying retirement.

Congrats to M. Amado who made P3 here at Vnys and to S. Liddy who also traded in her staple gun for a real gun and will be leaving OVB and joining the working police of Vnys as a P3.

Capt. Young is waiting for the phone call saying she will have a new employee up in the Dets Room. MA2 S. Wallace is off waiting to give birth to her first child when the time comes. Capt. Young will give me all the info and I will pass it on. Two old dinosaurs from dets retired D3 S. Fisk and D3 H. Hollywood 60+ years between the two. I hope those younger dets took notes from these two, that's a lot of experience.

I hate to end this on a sad note, but we can all use all the well wishes and prayers for Ofer. C. Burk's father (ret LAPD Theron M. Jackson) who suffered a severe stroke this past week. Stay strong Crystal the whole division is behind you.

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77th All American Division

by Maria C. Marquez
77th Street Division

A Picnic Dedicated to Our Kids

There is no doubt that a little bit of the "kid" in all of us came out at our Divisional Picnic on July 30th this year. There was face painting (provided by my Godchild, Malisa and her friends), pinatas, ponies, petting zoo, volleyball, just to name a few of the activities and the favorite of all, the dunk tank! The BBQ was outstanding with senior chef, Officer **Paul Clements** manning the "Q." Thanks to all of you whose display of teamwork made this a day to be



Mariah and Gilbert Marquez making friends at the kiddie petting zoo.

enjoyed by the committee members too. A special thank you to Officer **Ted McHenry**, PSR **Lisa Flenory** and Officer **Paul Clements** for taking the time to attend the committee meetings, organizing different events and providing me with commendable back-up! No child left this picnic without some won-



Officer Bob Bermudez, the true champion of getting wet! Thanks, Bob... The kids loved you!



Baby girl Brook Hearn (daughter of PIII Brad Hearn and wife Sandy) knocking the socks off of Pooh. But then she wonders: Hey, Uncle Ara (Hollenback) is that really you...

derful memories, and after all isn't that what this picnic is all about!

Experience, Persistence & a Community

On July 20th, Officer **Dave Armas**, #25263, and Officer **Darren Ehrenburg**, #33320, obtained a wanted flyer for an attempt robbery suspect. The officers investigated possible locations where the suspect was known to frequent, and made contact with citizens in the area in an attempt to solicit their assistance in removing this criminal from their neighborhood. The officers' concern for the safety of the community members in their area paid off, and a call was received from a citizen regarding the suspect's location. A tactical plan was formulated and the suspect was taken into custody without incident. In addition to the attempted robbery charge, the suspect was also wanted for GTA, kidnap and a crime against a child (attempted rape). Congratulations on a job well done!

FASTRAC Traffic Locations Turn Green

On July 18, 2000, P.M. Watch Officer **Greg Andrachick**, #33829,

and Officer **Luis Navarrette**, #34235, took on a challenge to increase traffic enforcement activities within FASTRAC locations within 77th. The combined total for a single shift was 43 personal service citations. Holy gree-nie, Batman! Outstanding job, guys! The challenge has been sent. And this is a worthwhile challenge when you look at the overall picture: Citizen takes the ticket to court (What do they have to lose?), the officer gets a "be there" subpoena for traffic court (no on-call for traffic court), and you figure out the rest (for you non-day watch).

For the Team, Sir

Seventh-Seventh Street Area has selected Det. II **Robin Cofield**, #26636, and Senior Lead Officer **Maria C. Marquez**, #23641, as the Athletes of the Month. They placed first and second, respectively, during the last Departmental Bench Press contest, winning the Gold and Silver medals. Their participation was instrumental in 77th Street Area winning an unprecedented ninth straight championship. For the team... it is always for the team!

Freedom

Saw this framed photo of President Abraham Lincoln the other day. The photo is a copy of the memorial to him at our nation's capital. It was the words below that memorial that made me stop and read them over and over again. This man was a president that changed our nation, and out of all the presidents we have had, today he remains one of the most respected by a nation. This is what it said: "You cannot build character and courage by taking away man's initiative and independence." I leave you with that thought and my prayers for your safety.

Southern lip

by Alley Cat
Harbor Division

Harbor Division had its annual picnic at Fort MacArthur on July 23, 2000. Officer **Teri Williams**, CRO, worked very diligently with assistance from other CRO personnel, on putting together a nice day for the families and friends of Harbor Area. I heard there was over 200 in attendance. Entertainment was provided by the Manea group, Tahitian dancers, you know, grass skirts and a whole lot of shaking. Teri, is there any truth that you are part of the Manea group? By the way, mane means beautiful. For those of you that missed out, I feel sorry for you missing Teri in the grass skirt. Patrol and Detectives had their annual pumpkin ball game. No serious injuries, and patrol lost for the third year running. What has become of the young studs in patrol?

Some of our more daring officers decided to do the Marine Corps, Camp Pendleton, mud run in June of this year. We had two teams—the younger one, Officer **Alma Skefich**, **Scott Engedal**, **Chris Walters**, **Rafael Mora**, and an unknown civilian took first place in the open police and fire division. Of course, we had the older second team—**Art Ibarra**, **Bob Fiesler**, **Phil Tingrides** and two unknown civilians that came in towards the middle of the pack. This really wasn't too bad, considering there were over 3,500 partici-

pants. Nice job by all the personnel from Harbor Division.

Congratulations go to D-III **Sam Snyder** and Mrs., **Jennifer**, for their second baby, Hayley Rose, 8 pounds, 14 ounces and 21-1/2 inches. This occurred on June 30, 2000. Sam are two enough or are you gonna try for a basketball team or just a handful to run the salt water fishing boat?

To the younger generation of LAPD, for a job well done, **Cris** and **Jason Pedro** had their first child together, Alyssa Niccole, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, 18 inches long on July 31, 2000.

I have to apologize for missing the August article, but I was on vacation for the last month. I did stop and visit old retired friends, **Doreen Parker** and **Ken** and **Kathy Hamilton** in Prescott, Arizona, for a week. Ken, can you please explain to the friends up there about the pink flamingos in your front yard? I knew that retired cops got weird, but come on, pink flamingos in Arizona? To those of you who have a few years left on the police department, I would like to say that there is a brotherhood of sister and brother officers, retired, that would love to have you stop and visit or drop them a line on the Internet. If any of you are close to 20 years on, you can join the retired LAPD AND LAFD retired officers association. This is a nice way to stay in contact with friends and classmates from your career.

Transfers and upgrades have been running rampant for the last two months. Congratulations go to Detectives **Greg Hoyte** and **Chris Giles** for picking up D-11 spots at Harbor. **Reggie McCool** was able to pick up Sergeant and head for Northeast Division. I know all your friends in Harbor are happy for you and will miss your smiling face. Sgt. **F. Miller** left for Southwest Division. P-2 **J. Ramirez** left for Rampart Division.

Be careful, I know the flack is still flying. **Ron Johnson** was able to pick up a +1 spot at Harbor, along with **Dawn Earley** from Southeast Division. We also got a grip of P-3s—**C. Toscano**, **D. Schiffer**, **D. McGhee**, **P. Hauck** and **T. Malloy**. Only one P-2 gave up and came to Harbor—**M. Maldonado**. We've only had two newbies come in the last two transfers—**M. Huerta** and **J. Browne**. Good luck to all the movers and shakers on LAPD.

I would like to say goodbye and good luck to P-2 **Jeff Brouwer**, **Tim Schilling** and **Keith Krallman**, who left LAPD for Newport and Irvine PDs. They were all good, young cops and decided to see if the grass was greener on the other side. I hope for all of you that it is.

Time grows short and the pages grow long, so I will sign off for now and try and get some better tidbits for the next article.

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

TRAFFIC TALK

by Eugene "The Taxman" Bedolla
South Traffic Division

Greetings, Amigos. When this issue is published, the "DNC" will have come and gone. We will be fast on our way towards electing a new leader of the United States in November. I hope everyone takes some interest in the November election. Please don't be a cynical citizen. It is very important that you participate.

Headlines

At South Traffic Division, we have just had a change in our leadership. Leaving this fine division is **Capt. K. Garner**. He will return to Foothill Division. **Capt. Garner** will be greatly missed around here. Why? **Capt. Garner** is a person who treats his personnel with respect and consideration. When he said his policy towards his troops was an open door, it was not lip service. He was always available and would regularly attend roll calls. His outlook towards projects was always positive which spreads towards those involved. **Capt. Garner**, we at South Traffic Division wish you continued success throughout your career.

We welcome our incoming skipper, **Capt. M. Smith**. He informed us this will be his first assignment to a traffic division in his career. Again, welcome and don't worry, AOIs and DUIs and FSTs will be second hand to you in no time.

South Traffic Division would like to extend congratulations to Officer **Jesus Garcia** and his wife, **Marcy Garcia**, on the birth of their twin boys born July 25, 2000. **Christopher** and **Timothy** are doing just fine. It's their parents who are in need of your support.

Here are a few notes on some very fine South Traffic athletes. The Department bench press competition was recently completed. Officer **Sandy Kim** won the gold medal in her category for the fourth year in a row!

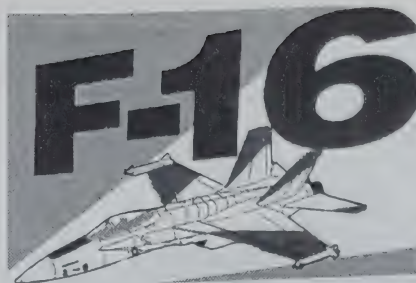
Sgt. Lanette Smith earned a bronze medal for her efforts. **Capt. Garner** and Officer **Anthony Green** also represented South Traffic and gave it their all.

There is a new television program called "Beyond Belief" where a series of short stories are reenacted. After each story, the audience is asked if the story is fact or fiction. The answer is given at the end of the program. Here's a story which occurred at the bench press competition. Is it true or am I just dreaming up the drama for entertainment?

The bench press competition requires all participants to wear shorts, officer and **BCMC Anthony Green** shows up as scheduled, a finely tuned competitor waiting to devour his competition. But to his chagrin, **Anthony** discovers he is not wearing approved leg wear. **Anthony** is wearing ankle-length tights, not shorts. Additionally, **Anthony's** time to press and impress is only minutes away. What is he to do? The tension is almost more than we can take. Well, this is the LAPD and we pride ourselves on being a family. Family member Officer **Sandy Kim** walks by asking anyone for some Brasso to polish her recently earned fourth gold medal. **Anthony Green** has just put out the assistance call for someone who can lend him approved shorts. **Sandy Kim** responds to the assistance call. Meanwhile, **Anthony** misses his first of three lifts. **Sandy** offers **Anthony** her size small Spandex shorts. **Anthony** agrees and a quick change is made. **Anthony**, wearing **Sandy Kim's** size small shorts, makes it for his second lift but his lift is too fast and not counted. **Anthony** is down to his last lift and requests the weight to be put at 500 pounds. **Anthony** lifts it and is carried out of the gym on the shoulders of cheering fans. Ahem, the last part about lifting 500 pounds is definitely fiction. But I will leave it to your analysis whether the story told prior to the last sentence happened in real life.

Final Thoughts

As always, don't forget your fellow officers who are sick, ill or injured. Give them a call. Finally, Motors keep the rubber side down and CI keep the light bar off of the pavement.



by Julian Almaraz
Foothill Division

Foothill Patrol

Well, we had our yearly area picnic at Castaic Lake. We had over 400 family members attend this fun event. Thanks to **Capt. Seban's** snack shop, we were able to raise enough money to pay for an outstanding D.J. that entertained all the children at the picnic. We also had games for the adults, and everyone won prizes for their involvement. We had a lot of food, which **Norm Dumais** and crew cooked—chicken and steak ranchero. We had a lot of drinks for the kids and adults and delicious desserts. We would like to thank all who helped to make this a wonderful event for all the families and friends. Officer **Jackie Landtiser**, **Role Landister**, **J.J. Leonard**, **Eric Yepes**, **Mitchell Rodriguez**, **Rolando Rodriguez**, **Sandra McLeod**, **Marisela**



Hammett and Larry Henson and all of his Explorers. You all did an outstanding job.

We also had the first annual lake trip; we all went to Pyramid Lake. There were six boats, ten Sea Doo's, and thirty adults, teenagers and kids attendant. We had a lot of food and water from Ameci restaurant; we thank you very much. Hopefully, we will have another trip after the DNC. Everyone is welcome. Thanks to Officer **Koeller** for putting this event together. It was also nice to see **Gene Peterson** and family.

I just returned from vacation and had a wonderful time with my family. Well, I would like to tell everyone to use the discounts the LAPRAAC offers all of us. We save a lot of money. I also used the Blue Line to rent a condo at the beach in San Diego. These officers are in an outstanding location to rest and enjoy family.

Foothill Area officers would like to say goodbye to **Sgt. II McKinley** for his 30 years of service to this department. We will miss your leadership, fairness and being a good-hearted person. God bless and take care.

A special thanks to Officers **Mitchell Rodriguez**, #31020, and **Carlos Sanchez**, #31457, from Mr. **Willie Ortiz**: "I attempted suicide on March 12, 2000, due to family problems. Officer **Rodriguez** and **Sanchez** talked to me the entire time I was out, near death. Their words were kind and caring, made me hold on and not die. I would like to thank them for saving my life."

Detectives

We would like to welcome **P-3 Richard Platt**, #14929, to the Area CAD detail. Officer **Platt** comes to us with tremendous knowledge of programming and development of the computer. This knowledge assists the tracking of the suspects and crime statistics. Officer **Platt** completed his tour with Deputy Chief **Moore's** office as a FASTRAC information-gathering researcher. Officer **Platt** was a firearm instructor for over 20 years at the police academy. He is a DX shooter and was on several World Gold-medal shooting teams for the Department. We are happy to have an outstanding officer working in our division.

1986 Murder Suspect Arrested

In December, 1986, suspect **Oscar Zepeda** and his brother went to **Rinaldi Ave.** near **Laurel Canyon Blvd.** looking for members of the "San Fer" street gang. The parking lot was very crowded as it was "street cruiser night." Both brothers, also "San Fer," were involved in an intra-gang battle and had come to settle the dispute. When the suspects and his brother stopped shooting, one male was wounded and

innocent bystander, **Patricia Lemus**, was dead. **Oscar's** brother was caught, convicted and sent to prison. **Oscar** fled to Mexico. About four months ago, detectives began to hear that **Oscar** may have returned and would be working in a family business. **Oscar's** sister and her husband own group restaurants in the Sylmar and San Fernando area. Prior surveillance efforts at the restaurants failed to locate the suspects.

Surveillance at family locations resulted in the suspect's arrest on July 13, 2000. During the interview, the suspect confirmed information previously received. That information was that he had been a Tijuana policeman from 1993 to 1997. **Oscar** lost an eye during a "415 fight" call and claimed to now be getting a disability pension. Great job, **Det. Vanina**, #22148, and his crew.

Sports

Well we are at it again—co-ed softball team is going to the Nevada Police Games at the end of August. The majority of the players are from Foothill Division, and the rest of the players from the Van Nuys and Devonshire Divisions.

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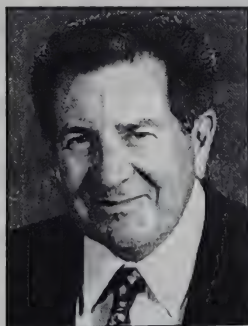
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by Cole Burdette
Air Support Division

ASD Happenings

Another summer is coming to an end and we just celebrated our annual Air Support picnic on July 29th. Nothing quite like a little potato salad, some barbecue and a cold one to close out the season. Thank you to everyone on the station fund who assisted with this event. A great time was had by all in attendance. While I'm on the subject of barbecues, thanks to **Matt "Pinky" Jaroscak** and **Deb Kickbush** for spearheading a recent PM/Mid-PM "wash rack" cookout/potluck for the Aircrews and K-9. We even had enough leftovers to take care of our friends on AM Watch.

WE GOT THE 5 SPOTS BACK!! A few years back, former Police Chief Willie Williams cut five Tactical Flight Officer positions from Air Support Division's roster. Last D.P. Chief **Parks** gave us the spots back. The Chief will be receiving a Christmas card from the following officers/detectives who just came into ASD to begin their loan thanks to the return of these five positions: **Bob Cadena**, DSD; **Bob Cosley**, DSD; **Craig Loomis**, Pacific; **Mako Zoltan**, Van Nuys.

John Goodman from Van Nuys just transferred in after completing his one-month loan in the outstanding pool and now begins the four-month probation. Congratulations to all of you. Welcome to Air Support and good luck.

Former Chief Tactical Flight Officer **Jack Schonely** received his ASD Command Pilot wings on July 14th. Nice job, Jack, and congratulations.

ASD Tip of the Month

Radio discipline. I think we all realize that patrol divisions should have their own radio frequencies. It's unknown if that day will ever come but in the meantime here are some ways to the best we can with what we have. Make all requests you can . . . tow, further, VIN check, C-10, running cars ECT . . . on your MDT if officer safety allows. Monitor the frequency for a few moments prior to requesting C-7 or making lengthy transmissions to ensure there isn't a C-3 run, back up, following or other emergency pending. Show yourself en route to emergencies on the MDT whenever possible to leave the air free for the primary unit. **HOLD THE FREQUENCY** of all non-related non-emergency activity until there is a C-4 or sufficient units broadcast. If this isn't done, **ANYONE** can put the frequency on a standby until there is a C-4. We all owe it to whoever is out there knee-deep in alligators to give up some air time so they can get what they need.

You watch your six and we'll watch the rest. Take care.



M.S.D. Notes

by Jeff Bert
Management Services Division

Where Do Special Orders Come From?

There was a time when I was thoroughly convinced that Special Orders, Administrative Orders, Operational Notices, and the various Department bulletins we sometimes find ourselves straining to interpret, simply fell from the sky. So many times, I would be sitting hunched in a roll call room and some supervisor would bark a reminder at me to empty my divisional training folder of the bulging mass of paperwork for which the Department has said I am accountable. Groaning to myself, I would clean out the reams of printed material, and I would attempt to re-stash the once-thriving rainforest in any other cylindrical storage device that could contain it.

Ever shirking my duty to read these Department Orders, fate had it out for me, and I ended up as a staff researcher at Management Services Division. Now I am submersed in budding Special Orders that various Department entities submit to MSD to research, compose, and ultimately, publish. Strangely, those heady stacks of paper growing and maybe even reproducing in my training folder now in some small way come with a couple of my own fingerprints on them.

I tell you this certainly not for bragging rights. I tell you this because I learned something of astute value when I transferred from patrol to Management Services Division. The most valuable tools an MSD researcher has are, in fact, those same tools that were acquired in the field. That is, every resource I depended on in the field—patrol, detectives, motors, airships—is what I now still rely upon to draft a Special Order. On a weekly basis, I am still calling on the advice of tough watch sergeants, wise detectives, learned civilians, and patrol coppers with life times of common sense. And when I miss the mark, it is these same women and men who call me, and in a gruff voice, tell me so. Truly, I appreciate the feedback and rely upon it to improve. And I know that whatever I am tasked with writing is chewed on by a body of seasoned patrol officers, detectives, and civilians before my computer spits it out.

I will never pretend to have this Department all figured out, but I do know where Special Orders come from. They come from you.

New Folks

MSD would like to extend a warm welcome to Capt. **Jim McDonnell** who has just taken the helm at MSD. Also we have acquired three new researchers to the Manuals and Orders Unit: P-III **Sean Parker**, P-III **Dollie Swanson**, and P-III **David Koeh**. All three bring a wide and varied background of patrol and specialized units to the research staff. Finally, we would also like to welcome Senior Clerk Typist **Dierdre Gomez** to MSD. On behalf of all of us, good luck!

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DIVISIONAL REPORTER

Winning With West Traffic

by Jorge F. Torres
West Traffic Division

Did you survive the "DNC" (Democratic National Convention)? Did you make it unscathed? This was a convention the Democrats won't soon forget!

During this time, the officers at West TD were involved in other extravaganzas.

Congratulations to Officer **George McNeil** for his outstanding work in the



George McNeil with Captain Miller.

community. George was awarded with a merit citation from the Wilshire Center Chamber of Commerce!

Officers **Pat Beighley** and **Harry Winston** were involved in the Traffic Safety Mural Project 2000 sponsored by the National Hot Rod Association, the Specialty Equipment Market Association, the Automobile Club of



WTD's winning mural.

Southern California, and the Dunn-Edwards Paints Co. This year nine middle schools competed. West Traffic's entry, Emerson Middle School in Westchester, was awarded third place! Congratulations to all the young people involved!

The local chapter of M.A.D.D. selected Motor Officers **Mark Hammond** and **Kevin Chapple** as the two highest DUI arrests producers in Los Angeles County. In 1999, Mark arrested 382 DUI and Kevin arrested 350. You guys are making West TD proud!

On May 22, 2000, Channel 7 reporter **Adrian Alpert** was critically injured as a result of an electrical explosion originating from her news van. Again, **Pat Beighley** and **Harry Winston** were the first officers on the scene providing assistance. Good job, guys.

Babies! Babies! Babies!

There must be something strange in the water at West TD. Everyone seems to be having a baby, such as **Rob Benedict**, **Dorrick Davis**, **Shannon Hajji**, and **John Hankins**. Officers that are about to have a baby are **Sandra Kip**, **Nicole Blees**, and myself (not me, my wife). My good friend, **Sherry Root**, writer of the Pacific Breeze, also



Shannon, Pierre and Nicholas Hajji.

informs me that she is now pregnant. Congratulations to all!

Al Ruvalcava, after 31 years of dedicated service, is announcing his retirement. Al was very active in the League and in La Ley. He honestly cared about his officers and strove to make a difference. We are going to miss you, Al. Enjoy your retirement. You certainly earned it!

West TD welcomes Officer **Stan McAfee** from STD, **Teresa Spires**, **Sandy Gonzalez**, and **Angela Smith**.

Fond farewells to Officers **Wallace Wall** who traveled to CTD, and good friend **Jeremy Duncan** who passed motor school and is now riding in STD.

That's all for now! Good luck to the Democrats, but let's hope we don't experience another convention for a long time!



by Bill Urrutia
Central Traffic Division

Bandit Taxi Detail

Sgt. **Hurtado**, (OIC) **Ray Bergeron**, L.A. City DOT, LAPD Reserve Officers and LAPD volunteers have been conducting illegal taxi and illegal transportation details in Central Bureau for over a year. Each time these details are conducted, ten to twelve arrests are made. Each arrest results in the impounding of the vehicle. The taxi cab, or vehicle that is used is held for approximately two weeks or until the case goes to court. This can cost the violator several hundred dollars. This also keeps the vehicle (some that are not

street worthy) in the impound yard and off the street. Some of these arrests have resulted in the driver of the cab being booked on warrants. This detail has made over one hundred arrests, and L.A. City DOT has successfully filed on these cases. Special thanks to the Reserves and volunteers for helping make this detail a success.

Because of the Reserves and the volunteers, only five or six regular officers are needed on this detail. After the DNC this detail will be back at it again.

Ins & Outs of CTD

CTD welcomes Officer **Madrigal** and Officer **Larsen**, two new CI officers. Congratulations to Officer **Guardado** on making motors. Guardado stays as a P.O. II+2.

L. Brown leaves CTD for Van Nuys.

Lee Carroll, #20070, P.O. II+2 retired after 27 years of serves to the city of Los Angeles. Officer Carroll joined the department in May of 1973. Congratulations, Lee. Stay active and enjoy your retirement. You'll be missed by all of your friends at CTD.



Club Dev Devonshire Division

by Amanda Chapin and Fred Cueto
Devonshire Division

On most days, at approximately 1530 hours, it is not unusual to find Capt. **J. Curreri**, #21018, P-3 **K. Crawford**, #23536, and P-2 **R. Lequin**, #25235, tossing around some serious iron in the Devonshire Station weight room. At the bench press competition it paid off. Along with D-2 **S. Lazarus**, #24270, and Sgt. **A. Tom**, #27453, the group did quite well at the competition. Capt. Curreri, Officer Crawford, Det. Lazarus, and Sgt. Tom all placed first in their age/weight group and Officer Lequin placed second in his age/weight group. The lifts of Capt. Curreri (230#) and Officer Crawford (430#) have become current intra-department bench press records for their age/weight group. Congratulations to all on a great showing.

Taxi, Taxi

On July 25th, PM Watch officers were alerted that a parole-at-large had returned to his apartment in the 10000 block of Blackhawk.

PM Watch officers, in connection with an assault with a deadly weapon, had previously sought the suspect. During the previous incident, the suspect jumped from a second story window to get away from the police and ran through the International House of Pancakes parking lot behind the location. During that incident, he made good escape. In the week that followed that incident, there were several calls by family members to the police advising that the suspect had returned and was threatening family members. In each of the subsequent responses by PM Watch officers, the suspect was not found.

On July 25th, Officers responded quickly and were able to set up a perimeter. Officers **Pennington**, #34152, and **Lozano**, #32100, responded to the parking lot being the IHOP. They observed the suspect attempt to flee the location through a gate leading to the alley. When he saw them, he turned and ran back north toward the apartment building on Blackhawk. The perimeter set up by Officers **Fernandes**, #34273, and **Watson**, #34309, was locked tight. A

search of the location was conducted with negative results. The officers, under the direction of Sgt. **A. Pickering**, #26248, were sure, however, that the suspect had not penetrated the perimeter. A request was made for K-9 to respond to the location. K-9 arrived; the K-9 searched the area with negative results. They were about ready to call off the search. A taxi appeared at the scene to pick up "Tony" at a certain location on Blackhawk. Sgt. Pickering recalled the suspect's brother's name was "Tony." The K-9 was directed to search a residence on Blackhawk. Lo and behold, K-9 was alerted immediately upon the suspect who was hiding beneath a truck at the rear of the location. Code 4, suspect in custody.

Promotions & Etc.

Congrats to Officer **D. Graham**, #32365, for his promotion to Senior Lead Officer of basic car 17A55. He replaced Officer **Sally Barnes** who retired as the last policewoman on the department.

Sgt. **Joe Writer**, #17250, Senior Lead Officer **Sally Barnes**, #14960, and **Gary Hansen**, #15768, all retired in the month of July. They will be missed but not forgotten.

Weddings & Babies

Congrats to Officer **Liz Soley**, #34300, and **Dan Pennington**, #34152, of PM Watch. They are tying the knot on October 21, 2000. Congrats to **James** (#34252) and **Kim Arredondo**, the proud parents of **Tyler James Arredondo**, born May 4, 2000, at 1524 (8 pounds, 21 inches). Congrats to **Jose** (#32711) and **Daisy Valle**. They are the proud parents of **Joseph Alexander Valle**, born June 19, 2000 at 1343 (8 pounds, 21-1/2 inches). Congrats to **Darryl** (#26347) and **Debbie Williams** on their arrival of a baby girl, **Kathryn Suellen**, born July 7, 2000 (6 pounds, 11 ounces).

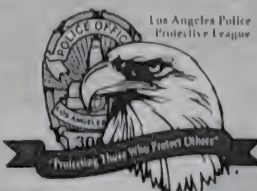
Congrats to **Alma Sarria** of DEV records. She and her husband are celebrating their 12-year wedding anniversary.

Welcome Aboard

Devonshire welcomes Capt. **Szymanski**, #17275, Lt. **J. Justice**, #24871, Sgt. **Dresser**, #22630, Sgt. **Pickering**, #26248, Sgt. **Malinowski**, #30959, Officer **Leone**, #35130, Officer **Johnson**, #35127, Officer **Krumer**, #35128, Officer **Sobrinho**, #35139, Officer **Miocic**, #35100. And in from Training Division, Officer **Hayden**, #35562, Officer **Meadows**, #35568, and Officer **Hayhoe**, #35586.

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All R-Round Town

by Cathy Hardy
Metropolitan Division

Greetings! Happy Labor Day, good-bye Venice Beach details, welcome Autumn. Reporting to you almost live from the vertex of the Santa Clarita Valley by the wizardry of a facsimile accessorized PC and the parrot! I have to go there because I was notified, via North Hollywood, that I incorrectly identified the newest Metro supervisor as Paul. Second party info being what it can be (and did I mention I'm taking medication?!), my apologies to Sgt. Phil Smith. Now, duh, it has just occurred to me that we now have two Sgt. Smiths! Alrighty then, meanwhile, back at the ranch, here are my latest notations.

In/Up/Out

Big welcome to SCT's **Dreta Nolan** and **Maria Perez** joining the MOS crew. Congrats and so long to Mgt. Analyst **Vicki Castro**. Remember the second party info tip, well I have no idea where she has transferred to. Vicki, best wishes on your new career path.

Star Appointments

Congrats to Charlie Brown, aka **Jerry Santos**, G platoon. He received the latest plus one spot in George territory. I believe his position earned the award for the longest awaited announcement on a decision for a plus one position. Now, whhhhaat was that all about?

Maternity Ward

Congrats to K9-60 **Scott DeFoe** on the birth of son Justin Alan DeFoe, born May 23rd, weighing in at 6 pounds even steven and 20 inches long. Justin joins his twin brothers, Roman and Christian. Mama Martha and baby are doing well.

Baby Thatcher is here! Little Madeline was born on the greatest day of the year (I have personal knowledge of this!), July 28th. She made her grand entrance at 0715 hours weighing in at 6 pounds, 9 ounces. Maddie and Mama Julie are doing just fine. Congrats to dad, **Ken Thatcher III** (aka Jr.), B platoon, on his firstborn and to grandpa **Kenny Thatcher**, D platoon (U.S.N. Liaison) on the birth of his first grandchild. Number

III, if I were you I wouldn't allow grandpa to experiment with the newborn swimming philosophy. Some folks believe that if you place infants in a body of water larger than a bathtub that they take to the water just like a fish.

Sports Desk

On Saturday, June 3, the extreme sports enthusiasts over at the Barn sponsored the first annual Bacon and Scrambled Leggs Race at Griffith Park. The date of June 3rd reminds me more of tripe and scrambled brains, the date of my first marriage. Anyway, the race was an outstanding success! Thirty two-person teams participated in the event which consisted of a two-mile run followed by a seven-mile bike ride, concluding with a one-mile sprint to the finish line. In order for a team to have successfully completed the race, teammates were required to finish together. Revenue generated from the event benefitted the Metro Mounted Unit Equestrian Fund. The profits will result in the purchase of two additional horses. Yee hah! Now, J-Bone, if we could just work on those timely press releases...

Congrats to biathlon winners Lee "Happiness" **McMillion** (D team) and partner **Gary "Mr. Hydration" Koba** (G platoon) and **Marcos Rubio** (D team) and partner **Jim Stepan** (Training Division). The participants all captured first place medals at the 2000 Summer Police/Fire Games in June. Lee and Gary attained gold medals for the overall open class and Marc and Jim for the Senior "B" class.

So Long for Now

Congratulations to **Rudy Chong**, formerly of G platoon. Rudy has concluded that a commute along the picturesque Pacific Coast Highway is better than any day on the gridlocked 110 Freeway. Rodolfo has accepted a position with the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Best wishes for much success and happiness in your new environs.

Get Well Wishes

Wishing a speedy recovery to **Todd Rheingold** (D team), **Andy Castro** (C team) and **Joe Willey** (E platoon).

Mark Your Calendars

Two big retirement parties on the horizon. Former 21 Chaw-rles, 3-1, **John Robertson**, Friday, September 22nd, and the former 20D, Sgt. **Gil Waldron**, Tuesday, October 24th. Both bashes will be at the usual code B... I mean code alpha location, the academia.

Until next time, R-10 girl, clear.

EODD Recruitment

by Officer John Collyer
EODD Recruitment Section

To the numerous officers out there who have astutely noticed the temporary reprieve of our monthly articles, we are back and here to keep you abreast of our latest recruitment efforts. We are at the mid-point of the year and our unit (consisting of 19 sworn officers) have covered a lot of ground in our recruitment efforts to hire 1,000 officers. On top of attending countless local events within California,



Officer J.D. Garcia, at the Lansing, Michigan P.D. range.

we have traveled to 25 states this year from as far west as Hawaii to as far east as New York, and as far north as Alaska down as far south as Florida and all points in between. We have attended hundreds of colleges, military bases and job fairs in search of qualified candidates. As of June, 2000, we have administered the test to 12,714 candidates. To meet our hiring goal of 1,000 this year, we will continue with our aggressive recruitment and advertising campaign.

For the summer, we have concentrated our efforts locally since most colleges and universities are on summer recess. We are currently planning our fall schedule when we will hit the road again. We are tentatively scheduled to send teams of officers to aggressively recruit in Ohio, Illinois, Washington, Minnesota, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, New York, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Keep in mind that the 19 of us are putting in a

lot of long hours to achieve our hiring goals so that we can send in the most qualified recruits into the academy. However, we need your help. If you have any family or friends back there, spread the word. Our testing dates and locations for out of state can be accessed on the Internet at www.lapdonline.org. Recruitment is the responsibility of everybody and that includes you!

Okay, I know what you're thinking so let this bit of information add to your incentive. When you contact someone who is interested in joining LAPD, encourage them to take the test and give them a "Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program" card with your information on it. These cards are available at the Personnel Department's Public Safety Employment Division, the Employee Opportunity and Development Division, the offices of the Area Watch Commanders, and the

Recruitment Section. Have them turn in their completed card when they take the Police Officer written test. If they subsequently get hired, you will receive a \$200 finder's fee from the city. It's that easy.

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SPORTS BEAT

Sports Beat is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. For information about submissions to Sports Beat, please call the Sports Beat Info Line at (323) 221-5222, ext. 800.

LAPRAAC Sports Roundup

by Lew Snow,
LAPRAAC Sports Editor

With our deadline the first week of August, there's no way to know what happened during the Democratic National Convention. Our best guess is that it was probably a perfect warm-up for the upcoming Intra-Department Flag Football season!

If you're interested in fielding a squad, be sure to attend a very important Team Captain's meeting Wednesday, September 20, 12:00 noon, at the Elysian Park Academy Lounge (above the Cafe). The meeting will cover rules and regulations as well as fees required for the season. Games will be played on Sundays, probably at Ribet Academy in Northeast Division, starting in October.

If basketball is more to your liking, then mark Thursday, October 19, on the calendar for the Intra-Department Basketball Team Captain's meeting. Same time, same place, same subject matter. Season play will begin in late November or early December.

To attend either meeting, please RSVP to Jeanne Schwab, Athletic Department Secretary, at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218, so paperwork can be sent to you in advance.

Cowboy Festival and Shooting Match Coming to Academy

The second-annual LAPD Western Benefit Match will be held starting at 0800 hours, Saturday, October 7, featuring four action-packed stages at the Elysian Park Academy. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, proceeds from the match benefit the LAPD Memorial Foundation.

The day-long event includes the shooting match and plenty of entertainment for non-shooters. Planned are displays by the Metro Mounted and K-9 units, Historical Society, clowns, coun-

try-western vendors and a country-western band . . . all free to everyone who attends. A sumptuous barbecue (\$5) will be prepared for lunch. Fee for shooters is only \$20 and includes lunch plus a commemorative pin. The shooting contest is limited to the first 75 paid entrants. For more information on what should be a day of fun in the sun, contact Mary "Law Lass" Hodges at (818) 832-3745.

Date Set for 46th Annual Sports Awards Dinner

Friday, December 1, has been set as the date for the 46th Annual Sports Awards Dinner, celebrating the best and brightest in department athletics. The first dinner of the new millennium will be held in the Elysian Park Academy Gym.

While plans are still being finalized we can reveal this year's event will feature a '50s theme (apropos since the first dinner was held in 1954). Those attending will be encouraged to "dress up" for the occasion (poodle skirts, leather jackets, etc.) and arrangements are being made for a Sock Hop after the dinner.

A reminder that nominations for honors are due now. Last minute nominations can be faxed to LAPD Athletic Director Tony Adler at (323) 222-0629.

Get Well Quick, Bill Stein

Those who attend the Sports Awards Dinner know the honor given for outstanding service, dedication and support of LAPRAAC's athletic programs is named the "Bill Stein Award." A television pioneer of the 1950s, Bill is a long-time LAPD supporter, the only honorary lifetime member of LAPRAAC, and (as far as we can ascertain) has never missed a Sports Awards Dinner. A big fan of this section, Bill is on the mend after a serious illness and is working hard not to miss this year's event. Get-well wishes for Bill can be sent c/o LAPRAAC, P.O. Box 861148, Los Angeles, Ca 90086-1148.

Carry On, Ladies!

A group of enthused LAPD women petitioned the Police Olympics in 1983 to include women's softball as a sport. In the past 17 years the LAPD Blue Women's Team has brought home medals from the California, Nevada, and World Games.

The team is currently recruiting for the upcoming season and is looking for enthusiastic and committed ballplayers to carry on the tradition. The team plays in local tournaments as well as organized events throughout the year. If you are interested in coming out for the team, anyone is welcome to give it a try. For more information, contact Det. Lori Miller at (310) 575-8910 or Officer Sherry Le at (213) 847-8139.

Ride 'em Cowboy

When not riding his iron horse out on patrol, Officer Paul Fields can be found riding one of his four roping horses either at home or at a professional rodeo somewhere on the California circuit. A 12-year veteran assigned to Valley Traffic, Paul is currently preparing for the Western



Paul Fields riding "Mr. Heisman" owned by former LAPD Officer Cliff Bernard.

there probably isn't anyone on the job who hasn't sat at one of Louise's tables over the years. Our best to Louise on her retirement.

Eat at the Academy Cafe . . . Eat at the Academy Cafe

Okay, so the message isn't quite subliminal . . . but you get the point. What has recently become a best-kept secret is the Cafe at the Elysian Park Academy. Open from 0700-1400 on weekdays, the Cafe features hearty fare and prices within anyone's budget. There's meeting rooms, the Lounge and (of course) the Academy Gym for meetings of every type and size . . . as well as the Rock Garden (a Los Angeles historical landmark) for steak fry's, picnics, and outdoor events. Support those who support you by patronizing the Cafe and banquet facilities at the Academy. For details on scheduling your meeting, retirement party or other event, contact Debbie Chamberlain at (323) 221-5222, ext. 215.

Discount Dodger Tickets Available

As of our deadline it looked like the Dodgers will be in the thick of the pennant race. A limited supply of discount ducats is available at the LAPRAAC office. Tickets must be purchased ten days prior to game date. Available are: Sun. 9/17 (1:10 p.m.) Colorado Rockies; Mon. 9/18 (7:10 p.m.) Arizona Diamondbacks; Sun. 9/23 (TBA) and Sun. 9/24 (1:10 p.m.) San Diego Padres. Seats are in the inner reserved level and cost \$15. For more information, contact the LAPRAAC office at (323) 221-5222, ext. 203.

We Want Your Articles

Let us help publicize your sport by submitting an article for publication in "Sports Beat." It's easy: fax articles to (818) 957-4275 or e-mail to lewsnow@aol.com. Even if you just send notes, we can transform them into an article that gets the information out. Articles received by the fifth of the month will be included in the next issue. Photographs are welcome, too. Indicate on your fax or e-mail you have photos and we'll contact you.

Region International Pro Rodeo Finals on September 9-10 in Isleton, California. Only the top ten contestants from each event are invited and this will be Paul's second consecutive year as a qualifier. At last year's finals, Paul won the calf roping average with a time of 33 seconds on three calves.

We'll Miss You, Louise

After three decades of outstanding service waitress Louise Verbick has retired from the Elysian Park Academy Cafe. Renown for her fabulous cakes,

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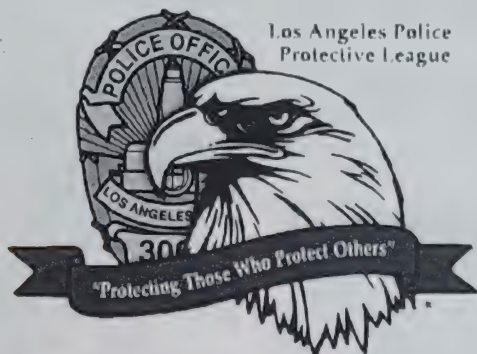
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SPORTS BEAT

LAPD #1 Men's Basketball Team Wins Bolt Memorial Tournament

by Jerry Stokes

For the second time in as many years, the LAPD #1 Basketball Team won the Randy Bolt Memorial Tournament, held May 12-14. Participants this year included local police, fire and sheriffs departments, and the California Youth Authority (to name a few).

Initiated in 1993 by the California Dept. of Justice's Orange County office to raise money for families of fallen officers, the tourney was renamed in 1995 to honor Special Agent Randy Bolt, who died in a car accident. Over \$2,500 in tournament proceeds were donated to the Widow and Orphans Fund.

In the first game a balanced scoring effort helped LAPD beat Anaheim PD 66-36. **Dave Ulloa** (RPT) tallied 19 points with **Mike Jackson** (WLA) and **John Derouen** (SW) contributing 12 and 10, respectively. Stiffer resistance was offered the next day by a short-handed Tri-County team, but when the dust settled LAPD came out on top 91-71. Derouen led the team with 16 points with Jackson and **Eric Moore** (DEV)

contributing 14 and **Arthur Simms** (SW) scoring 11 in the effort.

The semi-final round found the #1 Team facing the always competitive CYA. But with far more ease than anticipated, LAPD, led by Jackson's 19, toppled CYA 77-56, throwing them into the loser's bracket of the double elimination tournament. In the battle to see who would face LAPD for the championship CYA prevailed to set up a rematch.

LAPD's defensive intensity and offensive force was too much for the CYA hoopsters, who played with a tremendous amount of heart, and the #1 Team prevailed 99-58 to repeat as Bolt Memorial Tournament champions. Leading the attack were Jackson with 19 points, Simms (18), WLA's Rod Miller (17), and Moore and Ulloa with 13 each.

The tournament and perpetual trophies will return, once again, to the Basketball trophy case at the Elysian Park Academy. By winning the tourney, the LAPD #1 Men's Basketball Team extended its Y2K undefeated string to six straight.

Action Pistol Team Dominates Summer Games for 4th Straight Year

by Bill Parmelee

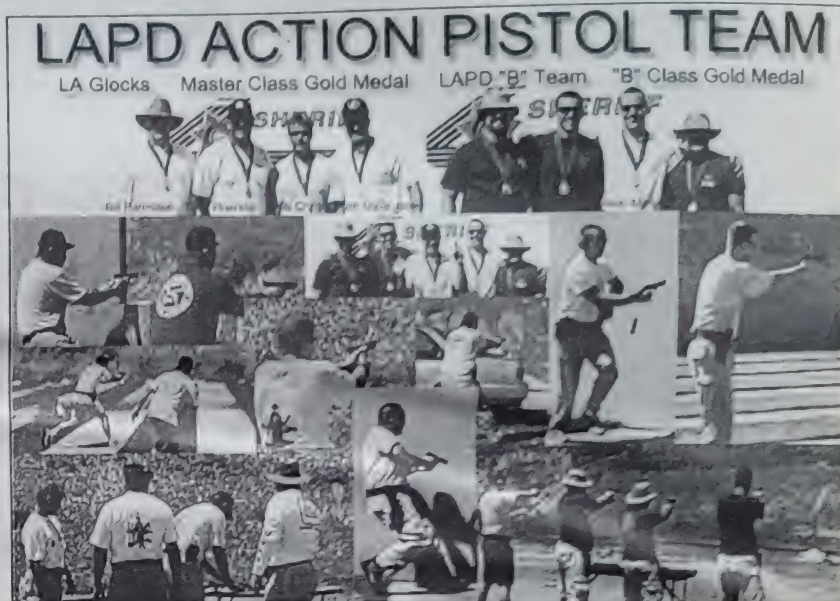
The Y2K California Games was another great competition for the Action Pistol shooters of LAPD. For the last four years we have dominated the sport, winning the overall team competition! In addition to our dominance in the overall team competition, numerous other teams and individuals have won an abundance of medals.

This year the team event consisted of three action-packed stages. Each required the team to formulate a plan in

we shoot Glock! Why Glock? The reasons are too many to talk about, but they work! We could shoot anything, but we shoot Glock. So you figure it out! It would be a fantastic duty gun (hint to command staff).

And the gold didn't stop there! Watch out for the "B" team: **Jon Tom, Jack Reed, Aron Algren and Joe Cossairt**. They easily took gold in "B" class and were second out of all the LAPD teams. If they keep improving like this, I'll be looking for a new job soon!

Individual results were just as impressive. **Chris Christensen** placed second



THE TEN RING

by Rick Bennett

June took the LAPD Pistol Team to shoot the Long Beach match in San Diego... go figure! Actually their range is under construction so they moved the match south.

Long Beach Police Dual Match

High Master Class

Don Tsunawaki	1489x96	1489x97 3rd place
Rick Bennett	1488x93	1480x92
Bob Barnes	1487x102	1486x99
Lou Salseda	1487x84	1487x95
Neil Goldberg	1471x80	1480x89

Master Class

Stefanie Diaz	1468x81	1459x70
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Expert Class

Steve Embrich	1473x69 1st place	1468x81 3rd place
Lisa Wernli	1467x72	1465x78

Team Matches

Team #1	2382x149 WINNER	2377x150 SECOND
Team #2	2342x125 FOURTH	2364x142 THIRD

If you are interested in joining the Pistol Team or would like more information, contact Rick Bennett at FTU (818-832-3752) or Bob Barnes at FTU (213-485-3169).

order to finish the least amount of time. All shooters were limited to loading only six rounds at a time in their weapon or magazines (this keeps it fair for those die-hard revolver shooters).

Stage 1 was a relay race with each shooter running to a table, picking up their weapon, shooting at a target, then running back to the start and tagging their teammate. Penalties were assessed for not removing the magazine from your weapon, not locking the slide to the rear, or not leaving the gun on the bench before running back. Time penalties were assessed for hits on the target not inside the "A" zone.

Stage 2 was a 32-foot-long course of railroad ties about four feet off the ground. Twenty-five 4x4 wooden blocks about 14 inches high were staged on top of the ties and the starting position for each four-person team was 17 yards from the blocks. On the start signal the shooters would shoot until all the blocks hit the ground with time ending when the last shot was fired. Score was total time to shoot all the blocks to the ground.

Stage 3 was a "wood-chop." Each team would select a 2x4x8 board from a pile supplied by the range. A red line was painted across the middle of the board and it was placed upright in a hole approximately 17 yards from the shooters. On signal the shooters would fire until they broke the board in half. It had to break within six inches of the line. Score was total time it took to shoot the wood in half.

When the smoke cleared, the LAPD team, "L.A. Glock," was on top beating the second place LASO team by more than 16 seconds. The "L.A. Glock" consist of **Tony Huerstel** (DSD Bombs), **Chris Christensen** (DSD Bombs), **Dave Jaiver** (WVAL Det) and **Bill Parmelee** (TRG Armory). And yes,

overall, easily taking the gold in his class. Let me tell you there was some mighty tuff competition out there. We are especially proud of **Stefanie Diaz**—she impressed everyone out there, coming in first woman in four of the five individual stages!

It was a fantastic day for Greg Duran who smoked his class for the gold. **Tony Huerstel** and **Dave Sigler** took silver in their classes. **Jeff Duggan**, **Mike Reyes**, **Pete Corkery**, **Terry Fathauer**, and **Eddie Roca** all took the bronze in their classes. Congrats to all who participated!!

MASTER CLASS - Gold Medal and First Overall: **Chris Christensen**, **Tony Huerstel**, **David Javier**, **Bill Parmelee** (score 57.98).

"A" CLASS - Bronze Medal: **Jeff Duggan**, **Estevan Estrada**, **Robert Palacios**, **Matthew Stout** (score 93.08).

"B" CLASS - Gold Medal: **Aron Algren**, **Joe Cossairt**, **Jack Reed**, **Jon Tom** (score 81.90). Bronze Medal: **Pete Corkery**, **Greg Duran**, **Christian Hansen**, **Dan Talbot** (score 86.05). Bronze Medal: **Terry Fathauer**, **Gary Koba**, **Brian Owen**, **Marcos Rubio** (score 98.04).

Anyone interested in participating in action shooting or any of our upcoming matches should give Team Captain **Bill Parmelee** a call at the armory, (818) 832-3715.

Upcoming Action Pistol Matches

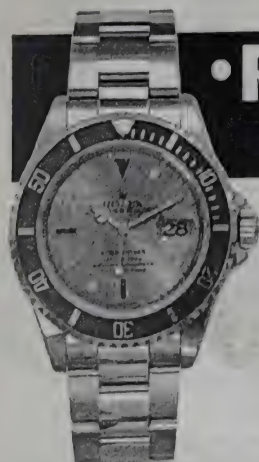
Cowboy match - October 7 - (Memorial Foundation Benefit)

Glock match - December 9 - (Children's Hospital Benefit)

Cowboy match - December 10 - (Children's Hospital Benefit)

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LAPD Motocross Team

by Rich Swisher

Now that the Summer Games are conquered, the LAPD Motocross team is looking forward to the last two races of the Fire and Police Motocross Nationals series. The final two rounds will be held at Glen Helen Raceway in San Bernardino on Monday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 3rd. Bring the family out to catch some exciting racing, a BBQ lunch, and a full day of fun in the sun. At our last several races we have had visits by world and national pro champions like Greg Albertyn, Steve Lamson, Sebastien Tortelli and Rodrig Thain, so don't miss it! LAPD MX has 12 guys poised to win national championships right now and has grown into the most formidable force on the track. In addition to a lot of practice and physical conditioning, we have been placed in the top position by the very generous help of our sponsors: FME, FACTORY 909, ACERBIS, TROY LEE

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Ofcr. Rich Swisher races the hour-long Grand Prix through the hills of San Bernardino.

are and would definitely not have achieved the winning results that have put us on top. Speaking of practice, the team will be getting together at Glen



(L-R) Ofcr. Dan Hadfield (ASD), Ofcr. Rich Swisher (ATD), Factory Honda Racer Steve Lamson, Ofcr. Rob Cosner (CTD)—havin' fun in the winner's pits.



Some of the team pose with Steve Lamson. (L-R) Ofcr. Paul Menchaca, Ofcr. Kevin Standage, Ofcr. Dan Hadfield, Ofcr. Rich Swisher, Steve Lamson, Ofcr. Rob Plourde, Ofcr. Rob Cosner, Ofcr. Doug Wilson, Det. Donovan Nickerson.

Helen Raceway on Saturday, August 26th, Tuesday, September 5th, Saturday, September 23rd, and most importantly Saturday, September 30th. Anyone that rides any type of dirt bike or quad is encouraged to participate in one or more of the many classes. They even have a special class for people that have never raced before. For more information, contact **Rich Swisher** via e-mail or visit

www.firepolicemx.com. This Web site has all of the current standings and race results as well as photos and links to other great sites. Fans should also check out Cycle News for the Vintage Iron World Championship results of Capt. **Charlie Beck** and retired motor officer **Vic Curti**. These two guys regularly beat out guys that made their living racing motorcycles!

LAPD Bullets Team #2 Takes Home Championship



First Row (L-R): Rich Harper (Mon), Dennis Gilbert (Bomb Squad), Mark Miller (Narc), Mike Henderson (WTD), "EZ" Shoukry (Vice); Second Row (L-R): Drew Kempf (Civ), Jim Warmuth (Civ), Randy Bowman (VTD), Jason Daggot (Civ), Kyle Lewison (Vice), Marc Reina (TBD); Missing from Photo: Mike Nagle (SOE), Matt Law (Civ), Jason Schwab (TBD).

The LAPD Bullets Team #2 won the Picwick Ice Hockey Championship by defeating the Redknights of Burbank in a best of three series, 2 games to 0. The

Bullets finished the season with an overall record of 18-3-1. Team #2 is gearing up for next season, which is scheduled to begin in September.

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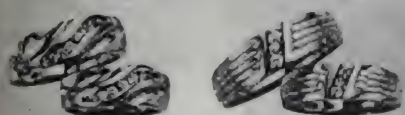
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SPORTS BEAT

Devonshire Captures July Golf Tourney; Next Event Set for September 15

Club Dev's Duffers returned to the winner's circle by narrowly edging West Valley to win the LAPRAAC tournament held July 21, at Whittier Narrows Golf Course. Devonshire, which won the March tournament, beat their brethren from south of Roscoe by three strokes.

Pat Russell and Chad Butler shared the prize for low gross at 74 while Lamar Bell took the low net score with a 69. Longest drives of the day were sported by Kerri Brown and Chad Butler with Mark Chong, Jim Atenucci and Pat Russell all sharing closest to the pin honors.

The second-to-last tournament in the bi-monthly series will be held Friday, September 15, at the Knollwood Golf Course in Granada Hills. Fee for the day-long event is \$45 per golfer and includes green and cart fees and prizes for high net and gross, low gross, closest to the pin and longest drive. Duffers can participate individually or (if they have established handicaps) in four-person teams representing their division or unit. Competition is open to all sworn personnel and full-time civilian employees.

Due to the fact the last two tourneys have not been profitable, reservations for tee time will not be made until payment in full is received. Starts will be set on a first-pay, first-play basis, with payment due on or before September 5 (this applies to both individual and team entries).

Anyone interested in participating in the next tournament should contact

Jeanne Schwab, LAPRAAC Golf Club Secretary at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218. Additional information on the LAPRAAC golf program is also available by calling Golf Club Chairman Sal Jaramillo (WTD) at 310-870-1422.

July Golf Tourney Team Results

Team	Net Score
Devonshire	289
West Valley	292
Northeast	312

2000 LAPRAAC GOLF CLUB CALENDAR

• Friday, Sept. 15, 1100 hours - Knollwood Golf Course, Granada Hills.

• Thursday, Nov. 9, 1000 hours - California Country Club, Whittier

Fee for all tournaments is \$45 per golfer except for the last one of the year. The November 9 event at California Country Club is \$80, includes a special post-tournament luncheon, and will have a shotgun start.

All tournament fees include green and cart fees and prizes.

Participants are reminded no food is allowed on the courses unless purchases from authorized vendors at that particular venue.

For more information, contact:

LAPRAAC Golf Club Secretary Jeanne Schwab—(323) 221-5222, ext. 218

More Summer Games Roundup

#2 Basketball Team Wins Gold Medal

by Jerry Stokes

The LAPD #1 Basketball Team swept six straight contests to win the Gold Medal at the California Police and Fire Summer Games.

After drawing a bye on the first day, LAPD #1 faced North Kern County Dept. of Justice, which boasted only one player taller than 6'2". It was a wild shoot-out that saw LAPD finally come out on top 111-107. Eric Moore's 31 points and Arthur Sims's 22 helped along the victory. Gaining its rhythm against a veteran San Francisco Fire squad, balanced scoring saw the #1 Team gain a 105-77 win. Michael Jackson's 22 and John Derouen's 21 points led the way, as did Leroi O'Brien's 13 and Moore's 12 rebounds.

Competition heated up in the third game as an extremely cold-shooting LAPD squad had its hands full against the highly motivated and accurate-shooting L.A. Fire team. It was a seesaw battle all the way with LAPD holding off the flamethrowers at the final buzzer, 67-66. The #1 Team dominated the boards in their fourth game against CDC Chino Institute for Men, which started off hot and led LAPD by four at the half. Aggressive defense and superior depth paid off with a 97-80 victory in a game that was much closer than the score indicates. O'Brien's 26 and Jackson's 20 helped the offense while Rodney Miller's 12 boards staved off Chino. The CDC team came back in the loser's bracket to take a hard-fought two-point win from L.A. Fire for the rights to face LAPD in the final round.

Chief Bernard Parks rallied the LAPD #1 Team prior to the championship game and stayed to cheer them on to a 106-76 win, despite losing key rebounder Miller to a prior commitment. All five starters scored in double digits and every player contributed points to the win (Jackson's 21 points led the squad). Chief Parks graciously

stayed through the awarding of the medals and posed for team and individual photos with team and family members.

Playing for the first-ever California Police and Fire Games Gold Medal winners were Nate Baez (RPT), John Derouen (SW), Perry Griffith (77th), Michael Jackson (WLA), A. J. Kirby (WIL), Sean Lewis (WLA), Roderick Miller (WLA), Deon Montgomery (DARE), Eric Moore (DEV), Leroi O'Brien (CTL), Arthur Simms (SW), and Dave Ulloa (RPT). They were coached by Jerry Stokes (retired).

Golfers Bring Home 13 Medals

by Kerri Brown

LAPD golfers endured three days of competition at Los Serranos, Empire Lakes and Shandin Hills in scorching summertime heat to bring home 13 medals from the recent California Police and Fire Games.

Eric Drescher (NE) won four medals, including a gold (by 10 shots) in the Singles "B" flight and bronze in the Scratch Flight. Along with partner, Kenny Korn (NE), he won another gold and a silver in the Team "A" and Scratch flights. The Devonshire Duo of Pat Russell and Chad Butler took fourth in the Team "A" flight and Butler rang up third place in the Singles "A" flight.

Randy Fontyn and Steve Rausch (CTD) captured a silver in the Senior "C" flight competition. Fontyn also took third in the Senior "B" flight. Not too bad for a couple of "board scrapers." RHD's Kerri Brown won a gold in the Women's Singles "B" flight, defeating her nearest competitor by 13 strokes!

Congratulations to everyone who participated and we look forward to adding new team members for the 2001 Games in San Jose. To become a member of the LAPRAAC Golf Team you need to participate in Golf Club events. For more information, contact Jeanne Schwab at (323) 221-5222, ext. 218.

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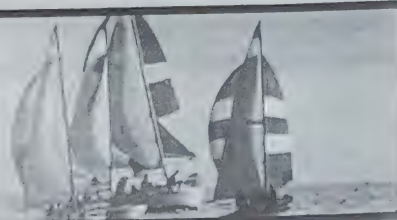
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RETIREMENT NEWS



The Retirement News is a regular feature of *The Thin Blue Line*. Retirees may submit articles for publication. Deadline for submission is the 6th of the month for the following month's issue date.

SABLA—Sacramento Area Blue Line Association

by Bernie Remas

Wine Country BBQ

Can you believe that another summer has passed us by? Hope you used the good weather to get away and do some things with the family or friends. We sure did. But now it's time to get on with the fall season. And that means harvest time here in SABLAland! Harvest what you say? Well, lots of things. But especially the grapes. 'Cause it's time to make the wine. And that means that **Ron and Marilyn Kiser** are getting things ready at their vineyard up here in Sonoma for another LAPD get-together.

If you're reading this and it is getting close to Saturday, September 23, 2000, and you have not called the Kiser's number, then you're missing another great BBQ. In fact if you're a wine taster then you're probably too late to be there the night before for the Patron's Wine tasting in downtown Sonoma. I told you before to get ready. So if you haven't, call Ron or Marilyn at (707) 938-4937. If no answer, leave a message. The best \$20 a person ever spent. Chicken or steak? Or use their e-mail address at kiservineyard@vom.com. All lower case and no spaces. For those of you that have been here before, you know what a great day this is, mixing with the finest retired and active police officers in the whole world! Get with it. We'll see you there!

Some other things have happened last month that all of you SABLA supporters should take notice. The SABLA meeting place for the last several years—The Palomino—has closed its doors! In July, **Hoy Key** called and called and no answer. **Ed Lewandowski** went by and found out that the new owners couldn't "make it" and closed on July 12th, the day before the July luncheon! They didn't even call to let us know that they were closing. Word on the street is that SABLA was in no way responsible for the closing! So we're movin' on!

To "Friends" Restaurant for now!! Rancho Cordova. Highway 50 and Zinfandel off-ramp and go to the northeast corner of the first street. You'll see it. Still 1130 for social time, 1200 for lunch. Order ANYTHING from the menu when you arrive, and they'll have it on the table at 1200.

So on Thursday, September 14, 2000, go to the "Friends" Restaurant and meet with all of us. It would be just perfect if you would call Ed Lewandowski and let him know you're coming. Three ways to do that—phone at either (530) 626-4248 or (916) 445-

4710 or e-mail at fasted@plvl.inner-site.com. It's nice to let them know how many of us are coming so they can set up tables, etc.

So two "biggies" for all of you in September. The luncheon here in town on September 14th at Friends, and the BBQ at Kiser's in Sonoma, on September 23rd.

Former Comdr. **John Powers** continues to furnish SABLA members with accounts from his UN-published book. If you're not a SABLA member, you fail to receive Hoy Key's SABLA newsletter. Excerpts of John's account of the '40s through the '70s are being reprinted in the newsletter, and you're missing some "good stuff"! Two-Gun John gave me another envelope to pass along to Hoy. So those of us that are SABLA members will be reading more detailed accounts—real stories with real names and places.

For the July newsletter, John details a May 5, 1962, shooting involving **Dave Wheeler, Billy Tibbs, Jerry Aldridge** and **John O'Toole**. Great accounting and captivating reading—especially for those of us that know all these names—some of former partners AND friends.

Check Hoy Key's newsletter for specifics. If you're not a SABLA member, and you don't get the newsletter, then you're left out! Sorry. You can always join. Contact Hoy at (916) 771-9206.

And while we're on the issue of dues, et al, it's time for all you regulars to come up with your dues for the new year which began on July 1st! Just \$15 a year puts you in for the whole year! You couldn't join a "more better" organization—for just a little over \$1 a month. C'mon. Join us!

Jack Halstead—y'all know Jack. Well, he has come out with a "must buy" book that he has published, and it is a classic!! It's available at the Legal Book Store, 316 W. 2nd St., Los Angeles, CA 90062. I haven't read it all. It's not that kind of a book. This is written about Los Angeles Police Officers of all ranks. This is a book that should be treated like a fine bottle of wine. You read a little—you reflect a little. You read some more—then you rest. And then go on—but at a slow pace.

History of the Events & Activities of the Los Angeles Police Department from 1960 to 2000, published by Ret. Lt. Jack Halstead. It's a narrative and chronological form. It's easy to read, but it takes time to read. There are so many details and so many names of people that you and I have known. This is a great "piece of work"! This is a text that every police officer from that era should have in his library. It is a

reference book and it's nonfiction storytelling at its best! Did I like it?? Yessss! Check it out! Thank you, Jack, for putting this together. It should be a sellout!

Tom Vigen is still at it. My, talk about fine aged wine!! My ol' Metro buddy competed in the Police/Fire games held in Ontario recently. When I say he's still at it, I'm saying that because he's still winning gold medals for weightlifting. Tom has always "gone for the gold"! Tom said he and three other LAPDers scored gold, for participants over 60 years old!! C'mon everybody. Give Tom a "big hand"! Congratulations, Tom! You've always been a great competitor and always a winner!

Now for some sad news, because one of our valued SABLA members has passed away. **Henry Seret**, #6616, died at his home here in Sun City on July 13, 2000. Hank had been ill for some time battling emphysema and was being treated at the time of his death. Hank, as he was known to us, and his wife, **Lee**, had been active and ardent supporters of SABLA. His dates of

service to LAPD are from 2/1/50 to 2/1/77. He was known for his work at RHD-BAD and DHQ, and he was known to us as a quiet, gentle man who always had a smile for you.

God bless you, Hank. You can take this one "in," Lord. He's paid his way.

Call Ron or Marilyn at (707) 938-4937. Bringing an RV for parking? They need to know! Chicken or steak? They need to know! Tickets for the Friday night wine tasting? They need to know! Please call them ASAP!

Don't forget, Thursday, September 14, 2000, Friends Restaurant, Highway 50 & Zinfandel, 1130 hours.

And, of course, we'll still be telling everyone about all of you LAPDers that visit us from all over the U.S.A. from time to time, and where our SABLA people are coming or going. Don't forget our SABLA mailbox, P.O. Box 60353, Sacramento, CA 95860-0353. Write to us. Your letter will be read to all!

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Inland Blue Line

by Loyd Yandle

No, I'm not going to get on my soap box again, but when they start running down the LAPD I just get furious. I'm a lot like a lot of other retirees. I loved the job and it was good to me. I will never regret that I was a member of Los Angeles's finest.

Since I retired and Beverly and I started the Inland Blue Line in 1983, we have met and are friends of the greatest bunch of men and women who attend our luncheons three times a year. So when anyone starts running down our department, I sorta get carried away.

It was sad to hear about Jack Forbes. Jack was a member in good standing; however, like so many of the guys, Jack did not get to the luncheons as much as he would have liked to. Some of us retire and take up another job. I was fortunate I only retired four times before I had sense enough to say that's enough. I know some that I don't think will ever completely retire, and that's okay. More power to them. I think it keeps them from getting old.

Speaking of getting old, I heard from Lyle Strand the other day. He just bought himself a new high-back rocking chair to go on his veranda which overlooks a huge lake. Now Lyle can just relax and rock until his heart's content. As many of you know, Lyle and his lovely wife, Jeanne, built a 50,000 square foot log cabin in Sequim, Washington. Lyle says he can sit in his rocker on the veranda and watch the salmon jump 10 feet right out of the water. Lyle says with the big raise in cost of living we started getting in August's paycheck he is going to be nice to Jeanne and buy her a rocker too. Although Jeanne doesn't have much time to sit and rock. She has to keep running back and forth to the bar, bringing Lyle hot toddys. Lyle says it's getting cool on the Sound. Lyle was one of those guys that retired and retired. I over-exaggerated; it's not a 50,000 square foot log cabin, it's a 10,000 square foot log house, and Lyle says there is enough room for everybody. Right, Lyle??

Guy Salerno and his wife, Lorine, who live in Sun City, California, call a couple of times a week just to hear my update messages on Beverly. All of you should look like Guy at the ripe age of 91. He and his lovely wife, Lorine, look great. Both are really sharp and never miss a luncheon

unless they are on a trip somewhere. Just goes to show what clean living will do for you.

I hear Larry Staub is doing great. Just goes to show what determination will do for you, and you won't believe how Dick Bragg bounced back. Dick sure got the hang of that voice box and talks on the phone just great.

Last time I heard Floyd and Lyda Phillip are doing good. They make several trips to Mexico every year, taking all kinds of stuff to the less fortunate. They are a super couple. Wilma Hyden (wife of Glenn Hyden and is the secretary of our club) got back from Switzerland and went again since the October luncheon. Her daughter-and son-in-law send her airfare about six times a year to come and visit. Pretty nice, huh?

On an update on Beverly, she is back at Hemet Valley Healthcare Center about a mile from my home. She is not getting any better. Medicare won't do anything for her. They won't pay for any type of therapy. They won't even pay to have her arms and legs moved or set her up. The nurses move her from side to side every two hours. I'm winding down on my last 100 days. I think I have 50 more days and then Medicare won't even pay if Beverly has to go to the hospital. Blue Cross will pay 80 percent and I have to pay 20% of the bill, which will be about \$250 per day they tell me. Like I have been telling you, read your Medicare book. Medicare isn't all it's cracked up to be. The Center threw a big party for Beverly on July 26th, her birthday. They did get her up in a chair for a couple of hours. She had a ball.

Well, the next luncheon is Wednesday, October 11th. That's the second Wednesday, same place, Anchor restaurant, tariff still \$10 per person. All members will get their notice about three weeks prior to the 11th.

We have, I think, a good program I think you will enjoy. I'm waiting for confirmation, but I have a deadline to meet so have to get this in the mail.

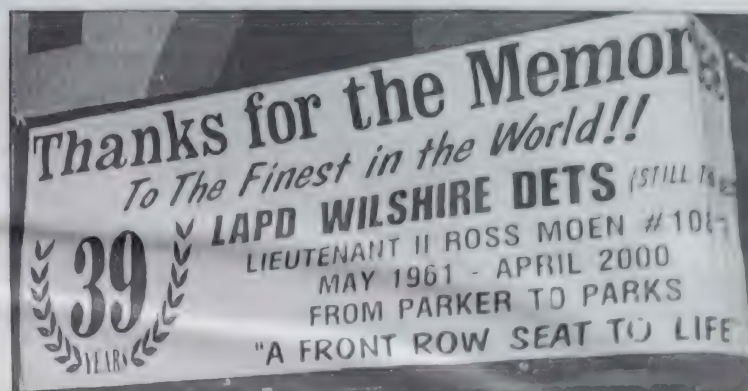
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HAPPY RETIREMENT



Congratulations to Lt. Ross Moen for retiring after 39 years of service to the Department.



League Director Dennis P. Zine congratulates Sgt. Joe Oliveri on his retirement. Joe was one of the League's outstanding Delegates for many years.



League Vice President Dennis P. Zine (rt.) with retired League member and current Credit Union Director Robert Gilmore. Robert is 93 years young and still going strong. Robert joined the LAPD in 1942 and retired in 1972. Robert has been a Credit Union Director since 1947.



Policewoman Sally Barnes retires after 30 years of service to the citizens of L.A. Sally is with her daughter and son-in-law at her retirement party.

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Old Blue Running Team

by Neil Parker

HOT SCOOP DEPT: The day of the monthly qualifying run has been changed to the FIRST Sunday of the month and our first run will be on October 1 at 8:00 a.m., the last one on March 4, 2001. Still at the same location behind the Griffith Park ranger's station on Crystal Springs Road at the baseball field. Ask any Vice cop for directions. I am told they can find it in the dark. Or call Capt. **Chuck McTaggart** at 360-766-8917. **Chuck Foote, Ray Crawford, Jim O'Connor, Bruce Hoover** and **Chuck McTaggart** ran in the 4th of July Firecracker Extravaganza at Huntington Beach and kept their running skills honed for the upcoming Scorpion Relay Race on November 11 at Bonelli Regional Park in San Dimas.

What do you know, it's September already. Fish are running pretty good whether you're a fresh or salt water person and holy mackerel (pun intended) the famous but elusive albacore should soon be on all the wanted posters. If you haven't tried your skills on a one or two day or more boat, then pry yourself away from whatever it is that currently holds your fancy and take a trip on the briny. There are always a bunch of coppers around that would love to have your company and share their favorite story with you about the big one that got away and was last seen marathoning it towards Catalina. It can be lots of laughs.

Speaking of laughs and boats and fishing, and thinking back about 35-40 years or so when handball, baseball and basketball were king, and running was enjoyed by relatively few cops, my old Central Division F-car partner, **Jerry Brackley**, had a boat that he kept down at the harbor. Not exactly a Chris Craft or a fancy polished brass and mahogany yacht, just a good, old, comfortable, dependable 28 foot or such craft that had seen a lot of water under its hull and a lot of fish pulled in over its side. It was really neat. Unlike today wherein boats have sprung up like trees in every other driveway, having a boat in that era was similar to having a good-looking sister—everybody wanted to go out with her. And Cap'n Jerry was always ready to go. Just about every other weekend we loaded fuel, fishing gear, sandwiches and mucho cerveza and had a really great time getting sunburned (WHAT!), telling war stories, and, coincidentally, or perhaps accidentally, catching fish.

That is until **Charlie Helgedalen** or maybe it was "Wild Bill" **Morgan**, or maybe **Vern Farmer** or maybe even **Bill Costleigh** or **Charlie Greer** declared after a few cold ones that they were expert water skiers. The rest of the crew were quite surprised and really in awe to learn that we had such famous athletes in our midst and offered much applause to encourage a performance which would truly be quite tricky since there wasn't anything that even remotely resembled a

ski on board. Not a problem said our stars, we don't need skis, we can do it barefooted! Yes, barefooted they all said as if on cue, we are all world champion barefoot skiers. Wow, much more applause, whooping and hollering which encouraged these Olympians to dive in the water and let the show begin. Were we having fun then or what? Wait a minute, hold it, what about a tow line? A what? Oh yeah, one of those. From somewhere aboard the USS Marie, which I believe was the name of his sweetheart, a rope of sorts was produced and the green flag was down. Off to a rip-roaring start we began yelling and cheering that quickly died off as we all realized that the skiers weren't going anywhere. Well, hardly anywhere. Certainly they weren't whipping up frothy wakes of white water. Could it be that our athletes had filled up on too much of that deep well, sky blue, crystal clear product from Milwaukee? Not really. Bottom line was simply too much weight in, and out, of the boat. And, of course, Jerry's boat wasn't ever designed or powered as a ski boat. It was simply a lean, trim, well kept,

good looking, dependable craft just like its namesake.

About this time the sun began to become a pain and while half of us resumed fishing, the other half elected to take skiing lessons from our skillless but undaunted partners who had now vowed to ski to Hawaii or some other far away land of endless warm water, and, you guessed it, great fishing. I don't think anyone learned how to ski that day, but we were soon barbecuing fish, and it was good. Glad that we didn't have to work that night, we were soon on the way home and looking forward to the next time.

Jerry and I eventually captured all the pickpockets working the Broadway trolley cars, or, perhaps almost all. Subsequently, my fellow Big Apple native and I went to Metro where Jerry won the Medal of Valor and, of course, married Marie, after whom he had named his boat. Those were really great times on one great police department with lots of great partners who were great cops and great friends, even to this day. Like you, I would not have missed a minute of it.

Retirement Corner

Rank	Name	Serial No.	Last Assigned to	No. of Years
P-III	Ronald Weimer	10477	VTD	40
P-III	William J. Cleary	10722	Communications	39
P-III+1	Joseph Gomez	13774	VTD	32
D-I	David E. Knighton	14553	Southeast	31
P-III+1	Sally A. Barnes	14960	Devonshire	31
D-III	Dick L. Elliott	14979	Narcotics	31
SGT-II	William T. Jones	15460	Risk Management	30
D-III	Albert Gonzales	15614	Central	30
D-II	Marco A. Tenorio	15636	Narcotics	30
P-III	Gary R. Hansen	15768	Devonshire	30
LT-II	William B. Ward	16160	DHD	30
SGT-I	Joseph B. Gonzales	17203	Northeast	28
SGT-I	Joseph F. Writer	17250	Devonshire	28
CAPT-III	David Powers	17602	Wilshire	28
SGT-I	William N. Todd	17931	STD	27
P-III+1	Timothy M. Bergstrom	20190	Van Nuys	26
D-II	Raul Nunes	20361	Southeast	25
D-II	James H. Miller	20637	Narcotics	25
SGT-I	Bradley S. Young	20753	North Hollywood	26
D-II	Lawrence Garrett	20778	DSD	26
SGT-II	Tedford E. Severns	21053	CTD	25
SGT-II	Suni Cookson	21183	IA	25
D-III	Timothy H. Shur	21228	Narcotics	25
P-II+2	John T. O'Steen	21285	CTD	25
D-II	Terry W. Richardson	21294	OCVD	25
D-II	Ron Vlaming	21305	Narcotics	25
P-III	Paul R. Gebhardt	21419	Foothill	25
P-III	Michael Gendreau	21420	Hollenbeck	25
D-III	Robert S. Uber, Jr.	21500	VTD	25
D-III	Gregory S. Boles	21509	DHD	23
P-III	Brent E. Ferguson	21803	Narcotics	22
SGT-II	Joe Vita	22150	IA	22

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RETIREMENT NEWS

Valley Retired Blues

by Clinton O. Erickson

Our next luncheon meeting will be on September 20, 2000, at "The Lamplighter" restaurant located on the corner of DeSoto Avenue and Nordhoff Street in the room adjacent to the bar lounge. There is no set start time, so you may arrive anytime after 10:30 a.m. with meal orders taken after 11:00 a.m.

We had 28 at the July 19 luncheon. There were not any new attendees this month. Some of our regulars were not present and probably enjoying a nice summer vacation out of the Valley and away from the heat. The following were at the lunch reminiscing the old days: **Gene Allensworth** (5058), **Don Barnett** (7433), **John Becker** (5059), **Ted Debs** (6808), **Gene Dillon** (3411), **Emmett Drennen** (3279), **Ray Elmer** (5607), **Clinton Erickson** (5608), **Bill Feddersen** (4823), **Bob Fritz** (4583), **Mel Harner** (4501), **Carl Hegge** (6234), **Ross Hicks** (7281), **Don Lyon** (6575), **Bob May** (3747), **Boris Meneghelli** (3522), **Lou Netza** (7655), **Les Nolte** (10821), **Ray Palaszewski** (6934), **Bob Pratt** (3080), **Bob Reeves** (6874), **Ben Reineke** (3190), **Dale Rickards** (3593), **Guy Schlotzhauer** (2804), **Cliff Shannon** (2370), **Mel Tousseau** (3270), **Earl Wells** (6297), and **Rose Wever** (6418).

Mel Tousseau brought a new book published by **Jack Halstead**. It is a narrative and chronologically dated history of the events and activities of the Los Angeles Police Department from 1960 to 2000. The book is available at the Academy Store, 1880 N. Academy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (323) 221-5222, and Legal Book Store, 316 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, (213) 626-2139. The price is \$22 plus S & H (\$4.95).

Don't forget our annual BBQ at Dale Rickard's ranch on Mulholland Hwy. in Malibu on Sunday, October 22, 2000. The menu and caterer will be Chuy's BBQ Beer and Chicken, same as last year. Look for the details for remittance and reservation information elsewhere in this issue of the Blue Line. Mulholland Hwy is also Highway 23 with exits in both directions on the Ventura Freeway. Dale's place is about six miles South of the freeway and Dale has a lot of old western movie and TV equipment to see.

Our meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month. Call me at (818) 340-2430 or e-mail at clintsr@pacbell.net if you want or have information of interest for us at the Lamplighters.

Dates to Remember

September

September 1	Larry Garrett	1100	1200
September 1	Marco Tenorio	1700	1830
September 6	Retired Fire & Police Assn. General Meeting	1000	
September 8	Gregory Boles	1700	1830
September 8	Joseph Gonzales	1700	
September 10	LaLey Family Picnic	1100	
September 14	SABLA Luncheon	1130	1200
September 16	Northeast 75th Picnic	1100	
September 20	Valley Retired Blues	1030	1100
September 21	Central Coast Fuzz	1100	1200
September 22	Dodgers Law Enforcement Night	1910	
September 22	John Robertson	1700	1830
September 23	Kiser's Wine Country BBQ		
September 24	LAPPL Raging Waters Picnic	1000	
September 27	Forrest Wilkins, Dave Siegel, Bill Todd	1600	

October

October 5	Joe Vita	1700	1830
October 6	Terry Richardson	1730	1830
October 11	Inland Blue Line	1100	
October 12	Pat Dammeier, Bob Saurman, Mike Sullivan	1700	1830
October 13	Newton Reunion		
October 19	Ronald Weimer	1100	1130
October 22	Valley Retired Blues BBQ	1200	
October 22	Dan Hoffman	1700	1800
October 24	Gil Waldron		

The Associates - Decades of Success

by Rudy De Leon

There was a time in the 1950s and '60s when retired LAPD officers of all ranks could be seen working as uniformed security guards for banks and corporations, during an era when former FBI agents were serving in management or administrative positions often within the same companies.

In the late 1960s, a few innovative retirees, recognizing the great reservoir of talent in their midst, founded the LAPD Associates. These visionary leaders included **Joe Scheck**, **Jim Smith**, **Warren Stanfield**, **Kay Cuttrell**, **Lloyd Reiner**, and **Lee Case**. Their goals were clear, as retirees of the LAPD they would work together and convey to administrators within the corporate and public sector the message that LAPD personnel were experienced and skilled decision makers capable of fulfilling top positions within a broad spectrum of diversified fields. The goal of current Associates leadership is to return to and preserve the original goals which were to meet, work together, and to help each other identify positions for fellow members within an in-house exchange of information. Current officers and recent retirees are encouraged to join the Associates to strengthen and promote the achievement of the original goals.

Associates and retirees who have filled executive management or leadership positions while also assisting other retirees include such stalwarts as **Tom Reddin**, **Bob Rock**, **Tom Hays**, **Virginia Rikeelna**, **Danny Sullivan**, **Tom Burke**, **Roger Mairs**, **Corki Rochlitz**, **George Beck**, **Hal Justice**, **Ray Inglin**, **Dan Tregarthen**, **Charlene Remina**, **Hal Yarnell**, **Enrique Hank Hernandez**, **Charles Reese**, and **Morris Bowles**.

Others have been appointed by U.S. presidents, California governors, and mayors, to prestigious decision-making leadership positions. Among this latter group are **Bill Violante**, **Anthony Tony**

Ruiz, **Tony Amador**, **Ted Hunt**, **Mike Dwyer**, **Quint Villanueva**, **Frank Grimes**, **Ralph Morales**, **Leary Munoz**, **Bill Pruitt**, **Dave Arroyo**, **Homer Broome**, **Ed Henry**, **Loe Ritter**, **Dave Hepburn**, **Abel Armas**, **Noel Cunningham**, **Arnold Neilson**, **Lou Ritchey**, **Julio Gonzales**, **Charley Reese**, **Joe Sandoval**, **Marty Hairebedian**, **Marion Johnson**, **Mel Sandvig**, **Ron Kreber**, **J. D. Smith**, **Bob Drees**, **M. R. Bob Ward**, **Don Vincent**, and a host of others.

Throughout the history of the Associates the consistent dedicated volunteers serving as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively, have been **Patrick Flanagan** and **John Jerry Cremins**.

President **James Shea** and Vice President **Ron Frankle** are current victims of an annual open election that consists of closing the nominations after one nominee is named for each position. The only duty of the President is to conduct the meeting while the Vice President has the duty of recruiting the speaker. Meetings are held at the Taix Restaurant on Sunset at Echo Park on the last Friday of every even numbered month. Annual dues are \$10. The speakers have included every recent Chief of Police and Sheriff, State Attorney Generals, local FBI Directors, Protective League Directors, major crime investigators, and a host of their entertaining, informative speakers.

Jerry Cremins, 626-355-6231, and **Pat Flanagan**, 626-355-0060, welcome your call for new memberships and reservations. The camaraderie and renewed friendships contribute to the reason some members travel over a hundred miles to be a part of this event. Successful, productive retirees, too numerous to mention here, will attest to the fact that they may not have succeeded in achieving their goals were it not for the advice and counseling of fellow officers. Hence the ASSOCIATES.

VALLEY RETIRED BLUES ANNUAL BBQ

at DALE RICKARDS' RANCH

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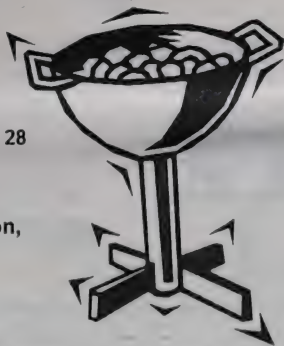
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The Central Coast Fuzz That Wuzz

by Dave Aikins

Greetings from all of us on the Central Coast. It's been a great summer for us retired folks, comprising lots of activities. The California Mid-State Fair was a success and drew large crowds up at Paso Robles. If you are a car buff, there were several super car shows throughout San Luis Obispo (SLO) that displayed a wide variety of Classic Cars for us old timers to drool over. There were also numerous concerts in the plaza in SLO as well as several park concerts at Atascadero. Great stuff over

ly wife, Barbara, moved to the beautiful community of Cambria, where he worked in real estate for 18 years. Barbara, who was a former nursery school teacher, was employed at a local pharmacy. It was the pharmacist who, as a private pilot, sparked Paul's interest in his boyhood dream of flying. He took flying lessons at the Paso Robles Airport and eventually bought a Cessna 150 to buzz around in.

In 1993, the Hardys moved to quaint San Luis Obispo, where they reside today. Paul was one of the first LAPD guys to get involved in the Fuzz That



Jack Carter (left) and Paul Hardy.

the summer where the weather has been superb.

Well, September is a get-together month for the Fuzz Folks. It's our annual "White Elephant" auction in Pismo Beach. The big event will shape up as follows:

DATE:

Thursday, September 21, 2000

TIME:

Social hour 11:00 a.m. - lunch at noon

PLACE:

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CUISINE:

Pasta Alla California and Summer Pasta including dessert and refreshments (all you can eat)

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Focus on the Fuzz

Our Fuzz Guy this month is former Lt. Paul Hardy, #6347, who came on the Department in 1949 and retired out of South Traffic Division, in 1975 after 26 years of service. Paul was a traffic expert and even taught traffic safety off duty for several years. He and his love-

Wuzz group in the early 1980s. In the mid-1990s he became one of the Fuzz leaders along with Bob Darnell, Ken Stiffler and Dave Frazier. Paul has enjoyed his long relationship with the Fuzz group and attends all of its functions. He is also a member of the SLO Chapter of the "Retired Active Men" (RAMS), attending weekly meetings. Paul has joined the rest of us dinosaurs and is now in cyberspace on his computer, learning what our grandkids do so easily. The Hardys have three sons and thoroughly enjoy their five grandchildren.

The Hardys recently spent some time on a Colombia River cruise topped off with a special jet boat tour on the Snake River. Obviously, Paul still likes a little adventure in his life. This September, they are planning to trace the Hardy genealogical roots back through Illinois, Kentucky and hopefully Virginia. One of Paul's early relatives was a brick mason in the small town of Delavan, Illinois, where he helped build a Methodist church there. The 150th anniversary of that church will be an event that the Hardys will attend. The final event will hopefully be locating the remainder, a flour mill in Virginia that his Irish immigrant relatives founded. Paul's grandfather had passed on a lot of information to Paul's dad way back in 1923. Interesting stuff. Good luck on your quest, my friends.

Take care, catch us in cyberspace at wuzzlapd@aol.com.

Dan Hoffman Retirement (25 years of service)

Date: Oct 22, 2000

TIME:

5:00 - Social Hour / 6:00 - Dinner / 7:00 - Roast

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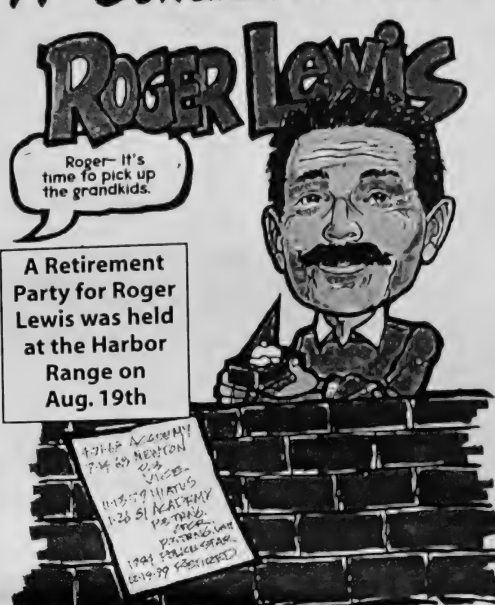
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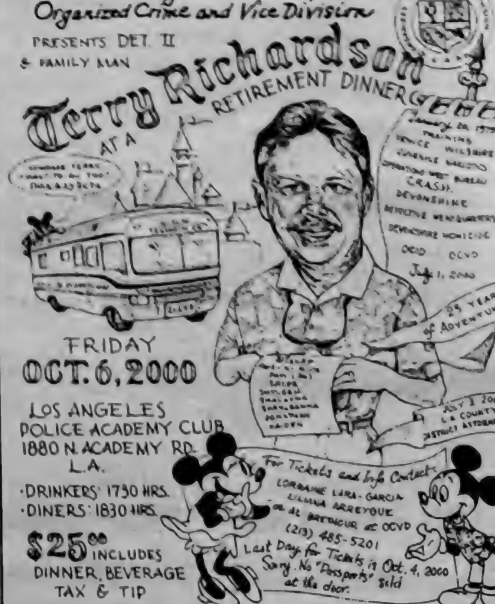
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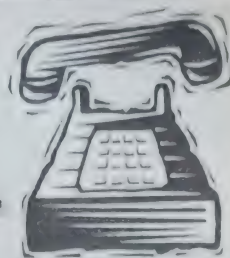
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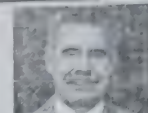
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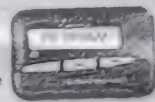
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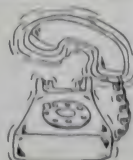
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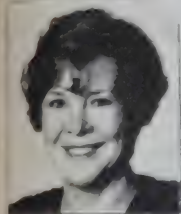
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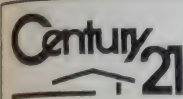
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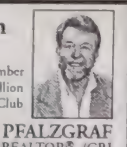


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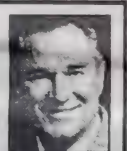
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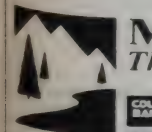
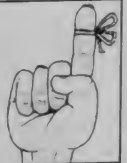
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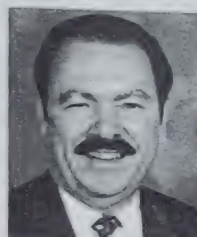


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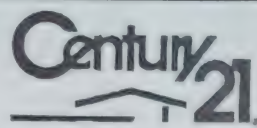
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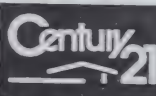
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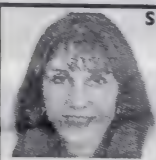
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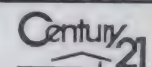
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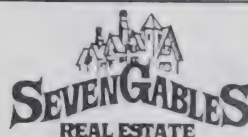
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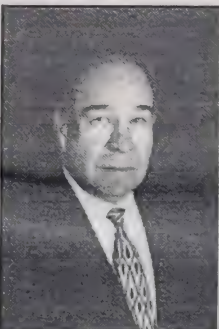
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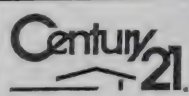
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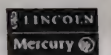


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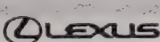
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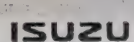
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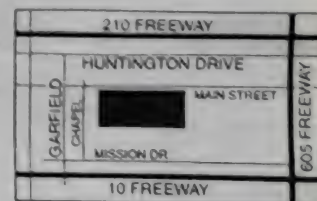
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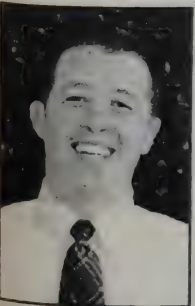
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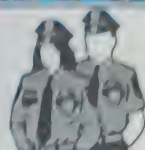


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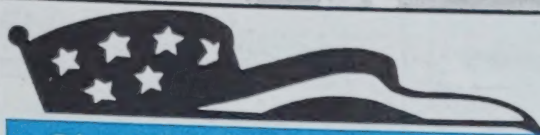


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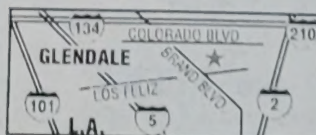
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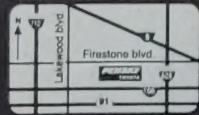
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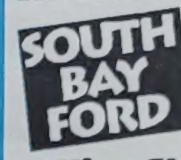
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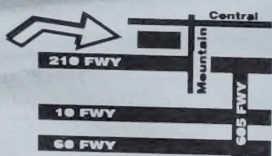
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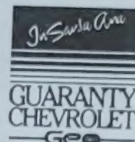
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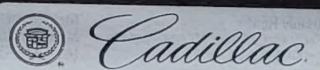


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